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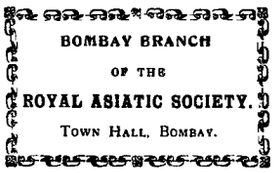

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ADDRESS

OF THE

HOUSE OF COMMONS

TO

HIS MAJESTY.

EXTRACTED FROM THE VOTES,

Veneris, 25° die Maii, Anno 50° Georgii III^tii Regis, 1810.

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,

WE, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in Parliament assembled, having taken into our consideration the state of the Public Records of *Ireland*, and the necessity of providing for the better arrangement, preservation, and more convenient use of the same, humbly beg leave to lay before Your Majesty, the Report and Observations on the Public Records of *Ireland*, made to Your Majesty's Commissioners on the Public Records in the year 1806; and to represent to Your Majesty, that, in some of the Repositories of that part of the United Kingdom, the Public Records are preserved with order and regularity; but that, in others, they are wholly unarranged, undescribed, and unascertained; that some of them are exposed to erasure, alteration, and embezzlement, and others are lodged in places where they are suffering from damp, or incurring a continual risk of destruction by fire.

It appears that some of the Buildings allotted to these uses, particularly the house in which the Records of the late Parliament of *Ireland* are deposited, are in a state so incommodious and insecure, as to require immediate attention.

Your faithful Commons do, therefore, most humbly beseech Your Majesty, that You will be graciously pleased to give such directions, as Your Majesty in Your wisdom shall think fit, for the better preservation, arrangement, and more convenient use of the Public Records of *Ireland*.

And we beg leave further to assure Your Majesty, that, whatever extraordinary expenses may be incurred by the directions, which Your Majesty, in Your wisdom shall think fit to give on this occasion, shall be cheerfully provided for, and made good by Your faithful Commons.

Jovis, 7° die Junii,

Anno 50° GEORGII III^tii Regis, 1810.

Lord *George Thynne* reported to The House, That their Address of the 25th day of May last (that His Majesty would be graciously pleased to give such directions, as His Majesty in His wisdom shall think proper, for the better arrangement, preservation, and more convenient Use of the Public Records of *Ireland*; and to assure His Majesty, that, whatever extraordinary expense shall be incurred for these purposes, this House will make good the same) had been presented to His Majesty; and that His Majesty had commanded Him to acquaint this House, that He will give directions, as desired by the said Address.

COMMISSION

For executing the Measures recommended by the House of Commons, respecting the Public Records of Ireland.

GEORGE *R.*

GEORGE THE THIRD, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, and so forth;

TO Our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor Thomas Manners Baron Manners, Our Chancellor of that part of Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland called *Ireland;* the most Reverend Father in God, Our right trusty and right entirely beloved Councillor Euseby, Archbishop of *Dublin;* and Our right trusty and well-beloved Councillors, John Foster, Chancellor of Our Exchequer; William Downes, Chief Justice of Our Court of King's Bench; John Philpot Curran, Master of the Rolls; John Baron Norbury, Chief Justice of Our Court of Common Pleas; Standish O'Grady, Chief Baron of Our Court of Exchequer; and William Wellesley Pole, Chief Secretary to Our Lieutenant General and General Governor of *Ireland;* and the Persons severally holding the said Offices for the time being; Our right trusty and right well-beloved Cousin, John Chambre Earl of Meath; Our right trusty and right well-beloved Cousin, Francis William Earl of Charlemont; Our right trusty and right well-beloved Cousin and Councillor, Lawrence Earl of Rosse; the Right Reverend Father in God, Our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor, Charles Bishop of Kildare; Our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor, Patrick Duigenan, Doctor of Laws; and Our trusty and well-beloved George Hall, Doctor in Divinity, Provost of Trinity College, *Dublin.*

WHEREAS Our most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in Parliament assembled, having taken into Their consideration the state of the Public Records of *Ireland,* and the necessity of providing for the better Arrangement, Preservation, and more convenient Use of the same, have humbly laid before Us the Report and Observations on the Public Records in the year one thousand eight hundred and six; and also humbly represented unto Us, that, in some of the Repositories in that part of the United Kingdom the Public Records are preserved with order and regularity; but that in others they are wholly unarranged, undescribed, and unascertained; that some of them are exposed to erasure, alteration, and embezzlement; and that others are lodged in places where they are suffering from damp, or incurring a continued risk of destruction by fire; that some of the Buildings allotted to these uses, particularly the House in which the Records of the late Parliament of *Ireland* are deposited, are in a state so incommodious and insecure, as to require immediate attention; and humbly besought Us, that We would be graciously pleased to give such directions as We, in Our Wisdom, should think fit, for the better Preservation, Arrangement, or more convenient Use of the Public Records in *Ireland;* and that whatever extraordinary expenses may be incurred by the directions, which We in Our Wisdom shall think fit to give on this occasion, shall be cheerfully provided for, and made good by Our faithful Commons:

WE, considering the Premises, and earnestly desiring to provide for the better Preservation, Arrangement, and more convenient Use of the said Records, are graciously pleased to condescend to the request of Our faithful Commons.

Know ye therefore, That WE, of Our special grace, certain knowledge, and mere motion, by and with the advice and consent of Our right trusty and right entirely beloved Cousin and Councillor, *Charles* Duke of *Richmond,* Our Lieutenant General and General Governor of that part of Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland called *Ireland,* and according to the tenor and effect of Our Letter, under Our Privy Signet and Royal Sign Manual, bearing date at Our Court at Saint James's, the eighteenth day of July one thousand eight hundred and ten, in the Fiftieth Year of Our Reign, and now enrolled in the Rolls of Our High Court of Chancery of Ireland;—

HAVE made, constituted, ordained, and appointed, and by these Presents do make, constitute, ordain, and appoint you, the said Thomas Manners Baron Manners, Our Chancellor of that part of Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland called *Ireland;* the most Reverend Father in God Euseby, Archbishop of Dublin; Our right trusty and well-beloved Councillors, John Foster, Chancellor of Our Exchequer; William Downes, Chief Justice of Our Court of King's Bench; John Philpot Curran, Master of the Rolls; John Baron Norbury, Chief Justice of Our Court of Common Pleas; Standish O'Grady, Chief Baron of Our Court of Exchequer; and William Wellesley Pole, Chief Secretary to Our Lieutenant General and General Governor of Ireland, and the Persons severally holding the said Offices for the time being; Our right trusty and right well-beloved Cousin, John Chambre Earl of Meath; Our right trusty and right well-beloved Francis William Earl of Charlemont; Our right trusty and right well-beloved Cousin and Councillor, Lawrence Earl of Rosse; the right Reverend

Reverend Father in God, Charles Bishop of Kildare; Our trusty and well-beloved Councillor, Patrick Duigenan, Doctor of Laws; and Our trusty and well-beloved George Hall, Doctor in Divinity, Provost of Trinity College, Dublin; or any Three or more of you: (Whereof some one of you, the said Thomas Manners Baron Manners, Our Chancellor of that part of Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland called *Ireland*; the most Reverend Father in God Euseby, Archbishop of Dublin; John Foster, Chancellor of Our Exchequer; William Downes, Chief Justice of Our Court of King's Bench; John Philpot Curran, Master of the Rolls; John Baron Norbury, Chief Justice of Our Court of Common Pleas; Standish O'Grady, Chief Baron of Our Court of Exchequer; and William Wellesley Pole, Chief Secretary to Our Lieutenant General and General Governor of Ireland; and the Persons severally holding the said Offices for the time being, is to be one;) to make a diligent and particular Inquiry into the several Matters which Our faithful Commons have, as aforesaid, represented as fitting to be provided for: by Our Royal Authority, giving and granting unto you Our said Commissioners, or any Three or more of you; (whereof some one of you the said Thomas Manners Baron Manners, Our Chancellor of that part of Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland called *Ireland*; the most Reverend Father in God Euseby, Archbishop of Dublin; John Foster, Chancellor of Our Exchequer; William Downes, Chief Justice of Our Court of King's Bench; John Philpot Curran, Master of the Rolls; John Baron Norbury, Chief Justice of Our Court of Common Pleas; Standish O'Grady, Chief Baron of Our Court of Exchequer; and William Wellesley Pole, Chief Secretary to Our Lieutenant General and General Governor of Ireland; and the Persons severally holding the said Offices for the time being, is to be one;) full Power and Authority to cause all and singular the Officers, Clerks, and Ministers, of the Offices and Repositories respectively, wherein such Records are deposited, to bring and produce upon Oath before you the said Commissioners, or any Three or more of you; (whereof some one of you, the said Thomas Manners Baron Manners, Our Chancellor of that part of Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland called *Ireland*; the most Reverend Father in God Euseby, Archbishop of Dublin; John Foster Chancellor of Our Exchequer; William Downes, Chief Justice of Our Court of King's Bench; John Philpot Curran, Master of the Rolls; John Baron Norbury, Chief Justice of Our Court of Common Pleas; Standish O'Grady, Chief Baron of Our Court of Exchequer, and William Wellesley Pole, Chief Secretary to Our Lieutenant General and General Governor of Ireland, and the Persons severally holding the said Offices for the time being, is to be one;) all and singular Rolls, Records, Books, and Papers, or other Writings belonging to the said Offices and Repositories, or any of them, and which shall be in the custody of such Officers, Clerks, and Ministers, or any of them respectively.

And Our further Will and Pleasure is, That you, Our said Commissioners, or any Three or more of you; (whereof some one of you the said Thomas Manners Baron Manners, Our Chancellor of that part of Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland called *Ireland*; the most Reverend Father in God Euseby, Archbishop of Dublin; John Foster, Chancellor of Our Exchequer; William Downes, Chief Justice of Our Court of King's Bench; John Philpot Curran, Master of the Rolls; John Baron Norbury, Chief Justice of Our Court of Common Pleas; Standish O'Grady, Chief Baron of Our Court of Exchequer; and William Wellesley Pole, Chief Secretary to Our Lieutenant General and General Governor of Ireland; and the Persons severally holding the said Offices for the time being, is to be one;) upon due examination of the premises, shall cause such Matters to be duly and speedily executed, as you shall judge fitting and proper to be done, for the more effectual execution of the several measures recommended as aforesaid by Our faithful Commons.

And to the end that Our Royal Will and Pleasure in the premises may be executed with the greater regularity and expedition, We do by these Presents, by and with the advice and consent aforesaid, give full Power and Authority to you Our said Commissioners, or any Three or more of you; (whereof some one of you the said Thomas Manners Baron Manners, Our Chancellor of that part of Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland called *Ireland*; the most Reverend Father in God Euseby, Archbishop of Dublin; John Foster, Chancellor of Our Exchequer; William Downes, Chief Justice of Our Court of King's Bench; John Philpot Curran, Master of the Rolls; John Baron Norbury, Chief Justice of Our Court of Common Pleas; Standish O'Grady, Chief Baron of Our Court of Exchequer; and William Wellesley Pole, Chief Secretary to Our Lieutenant General and General Governor of Ireland; and the Persons severally holding the said Offices for the time being, is to be one;) to nominate and appoint from time to time such Person of ability, care, and diligence, as you shall think fit, to be and act as your Clerk or Secretary, for the purpose of aiding you in the execution of these Presents; and also to nominate and appoint such several Persons of ability, care, and diligence, as you may think fit, to be Sub-Commissioners, to be employed under the directions and controul of you, the said Commissioners in the premises; and more especially to methodize, regulate, and digest the Records, Rolls, Instruments, Books and Papers, in any of Our Public Offices and Repositories; and to cause such of Our said Records, Rolls, Instruments, Books and Papers, as are decayed, and in danger of being destroyed, to be bound and secured; and to make exact Calendars and Indexes thereof, and to superintend the printing of such Calendars and Indexes, and original Records and Papers, as you the said Commissioners shall cause to be printed; which said Clerk or Secretary, and Sub-Commissioners, and every of them, shall and may be removed by you the said Commissioners, or any three or more of you; (whereof some one of you the said Thomas Manners Baron Manners, Our Chancellor of that part of Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland called *Ireland*; the most Reverend Father in God Euseby, Archbishop of Dublin; John Foster, Chancellor of Our Exchequer; William Downes, Chief Justice of Our Court of King's Bench; John Philpot Curran, Master of the Rolls; John Baron Norbury, Chief Justice of Our Court of Common Pleas;

Standish O'Grady, Chief Baron of Our Court of Exchequer; and William Wellesley Pole, Chief Secretary to Our Lieutenant General and General Governor of Ireland, and the Persons severally holding the said Offices for the time being, is to be one;) from time to time, at the will and pleasure of you, Our said Commissioners; full Power and Authority being by these Presents given to you to appoint others in their places respectively.

And We do ordain and appoint, That you, Our said Commissioners, or any Three or more of you; (whereof some one of you the said Thomas Manners Baron Manners, Our Chancellor of that part of Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland called *Ireland*; the most Reverend Father in God Euseby, Archbishop of Dublin; John Foster, Chancellor of Our Exchequer; William Downes, Chief Justice of Our Court of King's Bench; John Philpot Curran, Master of the Rolls; John Baron Norbury, Chief Justice of Our Court of Common Pleas; Standish O'Grady, Chief Baron of Our Court of Exchequer; and William Wellesley Pole, Chief Secretary to Our Lieutenant General and General Governor of Ireland; and the Persons severally holding the said Offices for the time being, is to be one;) shall from time to time certify under your hands and seals, unto the Commissioners of Our Treasury of Ireland for the time being, what shall be a fit and suitable recompence to the above-mentioned Clerk, or Secretary, and Sub-Commissioners respectively, for their pains and services in the execution of the duties hereby required to be by them performed; which said recompence, it is Our Will and Pleasure, shall be thereupon paid to them respectively and accordingly.

And We do ordain and appoint, That you Our said Commissioners, or any Three or more of you; (whereof some one of you the said Thomas Manners Baron Manners, Our Chancellor of that part of Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland *called Ireland*; the most Reverend Father in God Euseby, Archbishop of Dublin; John Foster, Chancellor of Our Exchequer; William Downes, Chief Justice of Our Court of King's Bench; John Philpot Curran, Master of the Rolls; John Baron Norbury, Chief Justice of Our Court of Common Pleas; Standish O'Grady, Chief Baron of Our Court of Exchequer; and William Wellesley Pole, Chief Secretary to Our Lieutenant General and General Governor of Ireland; and the Persons severally holding the said Offices for the time being, is to be one;) do and shall, on or before the twenty-fifth day of March in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eleven, and so from year to year on or before the twenty-fifth day of March in each year respectively, so long as the said Commission shall continue in force, certify unto Us in Our Privy Council, under your hands and seals respectively, all and every the Proceedings of yourselves and of the said Sub-Commissioners, had by virtue of this Our said Commission; together with all such other Matters (if any) as may be deserving of Our Royal Consideration, touching or concerning the premises; and what further Measures (if any) the said Commissioners shall think fit to propose thereupon.

And lastly, We do ordain, That Our said Commission shall continue in full force and virtue, and you, Our said Commissioners, or any Three or more of you; (whereof some one of you, the said Thomas Manners Baron Manners, Our Chancellor of that part of Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland called *Ireland*; the most Reverend Father in God Euseby, Archbishop of Dublin; John Foster, Chancellor of Our Exchequer; William Downes, Chief Justice of Our Court of King's Bench; John Philpot Curran, Master of the Rolls; John Baron Norbury, Chief Justice of Our Court of Common Pleas; Standish O'Grady, Chief Baron of Our Court of Exchequer; and William Wellesley Pole, Chief Secretary to Our Lieutenant General and General Governor of Ireland; and the Persons severally holding the said Offices for the time being, is to be one;) shall and may, from time to time, and at any place or places, proceed in the execution thereof, and of every matter and thing therein contained, although the same be not continued from time to time by adjournment.

Provided always, That these Our Letters Patent be enrolled in the Rolls of Our High Court of Chancery, in that part of Our said United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, called *Ireland*, within the space of six months next ensuing the date of these Presents.

In Witness whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made patent. Witness Our aforesaid Lieutenant General and General Governor of Ireland, at *Dublin*, the Thirtieth day of August, in the Fiftieth year of Our Reign.

WESTMEATH.

Enrolled in the Office of the Rolls of His Majesty's High Court of Chancery in *Ireland*, the first day of September, in the Fiftieth year of the Reign of King George the Third; and examined by

RICHARD HETHERINGTON,
Deputy Keeper of the Rolls.

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Irish Record Commission:

ANNUAL REPORT;

25 MARCH 1811.

TO HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS GEORGE PRINCE OF WALES,
REGENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND,
IN COUNCIL.

WE, the Commissioners constituted and appointed by His Majesty's Royal Commission, bearing date the thirtieth day of August one thousand eight hundred and ten, for carrying into execution the Measures recommended in the humble Address of the House of Commons to His Majesty, with respect to the state of the Public Records of *Ireland*, and the necessity of providing for the better Arrangement, Preservation, and more convenient Use of the same: Whereby We, the said Commissioners, are authorized and empowered to nominate and appoint, from time to time, Persons of ability, care, and diligence to act as Secretary and as Sub-Commissioners, to be employed in methodizing, regulating, and digesting the Records, Rolls, Instruments, Books, and Papers in His Majesty's several Offices; and causing such of the said Records, as are decayed and in danger of being destroyed, to be bound and secured; and in making exact Calendars and Indexes thereof; and superintending the printing of such Calendars and Indexes and original Records and Papers as should be ordered to be printed; and to certify unto the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury for the time being, what would be a fit and suitable recompense to such Secretary and Sub-Commissioners respectively, for their pains and services in the execution of the Duties required to be by them performed: And We the said Commissioners, or any Three or more of us, are further required, on or before the twenty-fifth day of March in every year, during the continuance of the said Commission, to certify to His Majesty's Privy Council, in the manner therein directed, all and every of the several Proceedings of Ourselves and the said Sub-Commissioners, had by virtue of the said Commission, together with such other matters, if any, as might be deserving of His Majesty's Royal consideration, touching or concerning the premises:—

DO most humbly beg leave to certify to Your Royal Highness, That, in pursuance of the Powers vested in us by His Majesty's said Commission, we assembled on the eleventh day of September last, at the Office of the Right Honourable the Chief Secretary of the Lord Lieutenant, and opened the said Commission, and appointed *William Shaw Mason*, of the First Fruits Office, Esquire, to act as Secretary under the said Commission; after which the Report and Observations on the Public Records of *Ireland*, made to the *English* Record Commissioners, by Messrs. Tomlins and Illingworth, in the year 1806; and also the Lord Redesdale's Letter to the Earl of Hardwicke, dated the 3d of March 1806, on the Records of Ireland; and also a List of the Public Repositories in Ireland, containing Records, Books, and Papers, prepared by the Secretary, were severally read and taken into consideration: Whereupon, after due deliberation, the following Order was made by the said Commissioners;

That the Secretary should forthwith prepare QUERIES, similar to those directed by the Select Committee of the English House of Commons in the year 1800, and transmit them to the several Officers of Record Repositories in Ireland, requesting from each of them separate and distinct ANSWERS to such Queries; and that in framing the same a due regard be had to the following Points:

1st. The State of the Buildings in which Records, &c. are contained, as to Security and Accommodation.

2d. The degree in which the Catalogues, Calendars, and Indexes, are complete.

3d. The Number, Duties, and Remuneration, of the Officers.

And that the Secretary, on obtaining the proper ANSWERS to such QUERIES, should report them, with any Observations that may occur to him, connected with the subject, to the Board, at their next Meeting.

AND at a subsequent Meeting of the said Commissioners on the eighteenth day of February last, a Report, dated first February one thousand eight hundred and eleven, made by the Secretary, pursuant to the Order of the eleventh day of September last, with an Appendix, containing the forms of the several sets of Queries transmitted to the Officers of Record Repositories, pursuant to said Order; and also an Appendix, containing the Returns made from many of said Repositories, were read and taken into consideration: And the following Orders were thereupon made by the said Commissioners;

That the said Report of the Secretary, together with the several Appendixes thereunto annexed, be printed:

That the Secretary do write to the Board of Works, requesting them to direct their Architect or Inspector of Civil Buildings, to examine into the state of the Buildings adjoining the Courts of Justice, appropriated to the preservation of the Public Records; as also the security and convenience thereof: And also to enquire and report, whether there be any Buildings already formed, suitable to the intended purpose; and, if not, to prepare Plans of such additional Buildings at the rear of the Four Courts, as may appear necessary for the more convenient use and better preservation of said Records; and that in framing said Plan, particular attention be paid to secure the Records from the hazards of Fire and Damp; and also that their said Officer do, after communicating with our Secretary thereon, report same to this Board forthwith:

That William Warburton of the Tower, and William Betham of the Office of Arms, Esquires, be Sub-Commissioners under this Board, for the purpose of arranging and methodizing the several Records, Rolls, Books, and Papers in Birmingham Tower, or belonging thereto; of making proper Indexes to the same; and also of preparing a general Catalogue or Repertory thereof; and that the said Secretary be joined with the said William Warburton and William Betham in said Commission, for the purpose of conferring with them in all proceedings to be adopted under this Order:

That Mr. James Rafferty and Theobald Richard O'Flaherty, Clerk and Keeper of the Parliamentary Records, be Sub-Commissioners under this Board, for the purpose of arranging and methodizing the several Records, Rolls, Books, and Papers in the Parliamentary Record Office, or belonging thereto; of making proper Indexes to the same; and also of preparing a general Catalogue or Repertory thereof; and that the said Secretary be joined with the said James Rafferty and Theobald Richard O'Flaherty in said Commission, for the purpose of conferring with them in all proceedings to be adopted under this Order:

That Richard Nash Esquire, Enrolling Clerk in the Rolls' Office, together with James Mayne and Francis Nash Gentlemen, be Sub-Commissioners under this Board, for arranging, methodizing, and indexing all the Records, Rolls, Inquisitions, Instruments, Books, and Papers in said Office, or belonging thereto; and for preparing a general Catalogue or Repertory thereof; and that the said Secretary be joined with the said Richard Nash, James Mayne and Francis Nash, in said Commission, for the purpose of conferring with them in all proceedings to be adopted under this Order:

That Mr. William Nash of the Rolls Office, and Mr. Tierney of the same Office, be Sub-Commissioners under this Board, for arranging, methodizing, and indexing all the Records, Rolls, Instruments, Books, and Papers in the Chief Remembrancer's Office, or belonging thereto; and for preparing a general Catalogue or Repertory thereof; and that the said Secretary be joined with the said William Nash and Mr. Tierney, for the purpose of conferring with them in all proceedings to be adopted under this Order:

That Mr. Henry Harding, Clerk of the Records in the Auditor General's Office, together with John Fowler Gentleman be Sub-Commissioners under this Board, for arranging and methodizing as well the several Records, Rolls, Books, and Papers belonging to the Auditor General's Office, and now in the Dome of the Four Courts, as also such Rolls, Books, and Papers, as are in the said Office, in the lower Castle Yard; and that general Catalogues, as well as particular Indexes, be prepared thereto; and that the said Secretary be joined in the said Commission with the said Henry Harding and John Fowler, for the purpose of conferring with them in all proceedings to be adopted under this Order:

That the several Sub-Commissioners appointed or to be appointed under this Board, do, on the first day of every month from the date of their Appointments, make a Return to the Secretary, of the Measures taken, and Work executed by them, under the Order of the Board; and the Secretary is hereby directed to inspect such Work, and at the end of three months from the twenty-fifth day of March next, and so at the end of every three months, to make a Report thereon to this Board, on their next following Meetings:

That the Secretary do write to the Chief Secretary of the Lord Lieutenant, in the name of this Board, requesting him to give directions to the Keeper of the State Papers, to consider and report to this Board, what means can be taken to complete the objects pointed out in the several Patents respecting The Paper Office; and that in the mean time the said Keeper or his Deputy do give a description of such Books as are referred to in Mr. Le Bas' Letter of the twenty-fourth December one thousand eight hundred and ten:

That the Secretary do write to the Chief Secretary of the Lord Lieutenant, in the name of this Board, requesting him to hand over to the Secretary of this Commission, the several Manuscript Books compiled by the late John Lodge, now in the Office of the Under Secretary for the Civil Department, for the purposes of Reference, Transcript, or Printing, as this Board may think proper to direct:

That a complete and authentic Edition of the Statutes and Ordinances of Ireland be prepared and printed; including every Law, as well those repealed or expired as those now in force; with a Chronological List of them, and Tables of the principal matters: and that for the purpose of ascertaining and preserving a Memorial of the correct and entire Text of the Statute Law of Ireland, Copies be distributed throughout the United Kingdom, for custody and public inspection, in such manner as may be determined on hereafter by this Board.

IT being represented to the Board, That William Ball, Bartholomew Thomas Duhigg, Edward Lawson, and Henry J. Mason, Esquires, Barristers at Law, have severally bestowed their thoughts on this subject, and are fit and competent persons to execute different parts of this Work; It is Ordered, That the said several persons be appointed Sub-Commissioners under this Board, for carrying this Work into effect; and that the Secretary to the Board do confer with them, from time to time, upon the best mode of proceeding, and report to this Board, at their next Meeting, what progress shall have been made herein:

That the Secretary be empowered to hire a proper Apartment, and fit up the same as an Office, with desks, tables and other conveniencies, for the meeting of the Sub-Commissioners, and the other purposes of this Commission; provided that the Rent and other annual Expenses of same do not exceed a sum of Fifty-six Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Sixpence; and that he shall be authorized to employ a proper person to act as Messenger to this Board and in the said Office, at a Salary of Twenty-two Pounds Fifteen Shillings per annum:

That the said Secretary do proceed to call on the Officers or Keepers of the several Record Repositories, and other persons, to whom Queries have been transmitted under the Order of the Board of the eleventh of September last, and who have not made Returns or Answers as required by said Order, to prepare and send in the same on or before the twenty-fifth day of March next; and that in default thereof, the Secretary do report to this Board the names of such Officers, &c. for the purpose of adopting further measures with respect to such defaulters: And on the whole of such Returns being made, that the Secretary do make a further Report thereon to this Board, arranged under the head of Buildings, Catalogues, &c. Duties, &c. of Officers, Transfers, &c. and Selections for Printing,

AND We beg leave most humbly to state to Your Royal Highness, That in pursuance of the said several recent Orders, progress is generally making by all the Sub-Commissioners; and that a particular Report of Progress has been made by the Sub-Commissioners upon the Statutes, which is hereunto annexed; and that at the present time we have not any other matters to offer for Your Royal Highnesss's consideration, touching or concerning the premises, or any further Measures to propose thereupon.

All which is most humbly submitted to Your Royal Highness's consideration.

(Signed) MANNERS, C. (L. S.)
WILLIAM DOWNES. (L. S.)
CHARLES KILDARE. (L. S.)
PATRICK DUIGENAN. (L. S.)
GEORGE HALL. (L. S.)

Dublin, 18th March 1811.
Entered on the Minutes,
Wm Shaw Mason, Secretary.

APPENDIX.

To His Majesty's Commissioners on the Public Records of Ireland,
&c. &c. &c.

Report of Progress by the Sub-Commissioners on the Statutes.

IN obedience to the Order of the eighteenth of February last, requiring a Report, at the next Meeting of the Commissioners of Irish Records, of such progress as should be made by the Sub-Commissioners appointed to prepare and publish a complete and authentic Edition of the Irish Statutes and Ordinances, we have the honour to submit the following Report, which, although unavoidably imperfect, may at least evince our solicitude for the prompt and punctual discharge of the important trust reposed in us.

Our primary attention was naturally directed to form a suitable Plan for regulating our future operations; but after revolving various suggestions for that purpose, it seemed advisable to postpone the absolute adoption of any, until an answer can be obtained from the English Statute Sub-Commissioners, to a request which has been transmitted to them at our instance, for particular details of the steps which they have pursued, and of such further measures as their experience may induce them to recommend.

This short delay appeared indispensable, to preserve, throughout the printed Statutes of the whole Empire, that uniformity, which ought not to be departed from, unless some part of the English plan should be found inexpedient, or some material improvement should occur.

A similar application has been made for so much of the new Edition of the English Statutes as has been published, to enable us to ascertain whether that portion contains any Statutes applicable to this Country, that admit of ulterior correction by the help of Records, which (on account of the deranged condition of some of our Public Repositories) may have escaped the diligence of the English Sub-Commissioners.

Such Statutes preceding the tenth of Henry the Seventh, as they have collated with the most authentic Records, it would perhaps be superfluous to collate over again; and it might possibly suffice to reprint from their text, in the proposed Edition of Irish Statutes, such of the English Statutes antecedent to that period, as are not wholly excluded by their scope and subject-matter from any possible application to this Country. Upon these points, however, we are desirous of precise instructions, and submit to the determination of the Board, whether and how far we ought to collate anew the Statutes prior to Poyning's Law, which have been published under the English Record Commission; and how much of them ought to be incorporated in the meditated Edition of the Irish Statutes.

Awaiting further information on the above Heads, but anxious that no intermediate time should be lost, we have applied for unbound Sets of the last Edition of the Statutes and Journals of the Irish Parliament, to facilitate the Collation of the Statutes by portions with the original Rolls, which cannot be removed; and to ascertain and supply, as far as possible, whatever chasms may occur in them, by referring to the Journals.

Solicitous to proceed immediately to collate the printed Statutes with the Originals, and resort in the first instance to the Rolls of Parliament, as the most direct and authentic documents, previous to investigating any secondary evidence, we have made every practicable inquiry and exertion respecting the several Record Repositories; but found all those, which contain the earliest Records, in such a state, that our attempting to transact business in them at present, would only embarrass the persons who are actually employed in sorting the Records.

The Office of Parliamentary Records (which contains the principal mass of Original Statutes) being however so crowded with piles of Boxes, Books and Papers, that there is not room even for any attempt to clean or arrange them; we have collated a number of the latter Statutes deposited there, which were the most readily accessible, and have detected so many inaccuracies in the printed text, as make it less to be regretted that several Volumes of the last Edition are wholly out of print; so that a complete set is now hard to be procured.

Purposing to proceed on the latest Statutes until the early Records shall be somewhat arranged, we beg leave to conclude with an Observation, not so strictly relevant to our particular department, as it is important in a more extended view; namely, that the Writing of the very last Irish Statutes, though engrossed in a large and massy hand, is already much impaired in many places, owing to the quality of the Ink, and the manner in which they are made up.

All which is humbly submitted the 11th day of March 1811:

William Ball.
B. T. Duhigg.
Edward Lawson.
Henry J. Mason.

SECOND

ANNUAL REPORT:

MARCH 1812.

TO HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS GEORGE PRINCE OF WALES,

REGENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND, IN COUNCIL.

WE, the Commissioners constituted and appointed by His Majesty's Royal Commission, bearing date the thirtieth day of August one thousand eight hundred and ten, for carrying into execution the Measures recommended in the humble Address of the House of Commons to His Majesty, with respect to the state of the Public Records of Ireland, and the necessity of providing for the better Arrangement, Preservation, and more convenient Use of the same; Whereby, We, the said Commissioners, are authorized and empowered to nominate and appoint, from time to time, Persons of ability, care and diligence, to act as Secretary and Sub-Commissioners, to be employed in methodizing, regulating, and digesting the Records, Rolls, Instruments, Books, and Papers in His Majesty's several Offices; and in causing such of the said Records, as are decayed and in danger of being destroyed, to be bound and secured; and in making exact Calendars and Indexes thereof; and in superintending the printing of such Calendars and Indexes and original Records and Papers as should be ordered to be printed; and to certify unto the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury for the time being, what would be a fit and suitable recompense to such Secretary and Sub-Commissioners respectively, for their pains and services in the execution of the Duties required to be by them performed: And We the said Commissioners, or any Three or more of us, are further required, on or before the twenty-fifth day of March in every year, during the continuance of the said Commission, to certify to His Majesty's Privy Council, in the manner therein directed, all and every of the several Proceedings of Ourselves and the said Sub-Commissioners, had by virtue of the said Commission, together with such other matters, if any, as might be deserving His Majesty's Royal consideration, touching or concerning the premises;—

DO most humbly beg leave to certify to Your Royal Highness, That we have proceeded in the further execution of the several Works stated in our former Report to Your Royal Highness in Your Privy Council. And we beg leave most humbly to lay before Your Royal Highness, the following State of the Proceedings, had in pursuance of the said Commission, from the twenty-fifth day of March one thousand eight hundred and eleven, unto the present time.

STATE of the PROCEEDINGS to 25 March 1812.

REPOSITORY.	Sub-Commissioners and Others to whom the Orders of The Board were directed.	DUTY PERFORMED.	PROGRESS.
Courts of Justice and Public Law Offices.	Mr. Johnson, Architect and Inspector of Civil Buildings.	Under the Order of the Board, a Report has been made by Mr. Johnson; and Plans of the Four Courts and the Ground adjoining thereto, with comparative Estimates of the expense of purchasing the same, and the Ground and Buildings of the King's Inns, have been formed. The Plans were referred to Master King and a Committee of the principal Officers of the Four Courts, to ascertain the accommodation required in the respective Offices, and to report thereon with observations, &c.	Progress making by Master King and the Committee.

STATE of the PROCEEDINGS to 25 March 1812—*continued.*

REPOSITORY.	Sub-Commissioners and Others to whom the Orders of The Board were directed.	DUTY PERFORMED.	PROGRESS.
Birmingham Tower.	Mr. Warburton. Mr. Betham The Secretary.	THE transcription and translation of a Repertorium to the Plea-Rolls (tempore Eliz.) lately discovered, containing Abstracts of Rolls which have been since lost or destroyed by fire, with a general Index thereto, has been completed by Mr. Betham; the whole containing 127 pages. The Council Books and Papers, which had been removed to the Tower, and lay in a promiscuous heap, have been proceeded on by Mr. Warburton, preparatory to the completion of a general Inventory, which Mr. Betham has formed to the Plea, Patent, and Close Rolls, as also to the Pipe, Summonisters, and other miscellaneous Rolls, in the Tower. In September, Mr. Betham commenced a full Repertory to the Patent Rolls, to which there was no sufficient reference, and completed 186 pages thereof. In the researches in this Repository, many curious State Papers and other documents have been discovered.	Progress making on the Repertory, and the arrangement of the Council Papers.
Parliamentary Record Office.	Mr. Rafferty. Mr. O'Flaherty. The Secretary.	THE general Arrangement of the Records, Books, and Papers in this Repository, which presented a great mass of confusion and disorder, has been proceeded on; and the Lords and Commons MS. Journals, the printed Statutes, with some thousands of various public documents, consisting of copies of Cases and Appeals, Writs of Error, Private Bills and Acts of Parliament, Petitions of claims of Peerage, &c. have been arranged in bundles; and the original Rolls of Public and Private Statutes placed in chronological order in boxes, which are numerically arranged; as are the paper copies of Bills and Transmisses of Public Acts, and a rough Schedule has been formed of the same. An inquiry has also been made by these Sub-Commissioners, into the state of the Lords and Commons printed Journals; on which a special Report is to be made.	Progress making in the general arrangement, which is expected to be completed early in summer.
Rolls Office.	Mr. W. Nash. Mr. Mayne. Mr. F. Nash. Mr. Hardiman. The Secretary.	UPWARDS of 2,500 Transmisses of Acts of Parliament, commencing in the reign of Henry VIII. and ending 40 George III. were collected from all parts of the Record-room, arranged in bundles chronologically, and placed in presses. Several hundred Decrees were in like manner collected and arranged; and, during the winter months, a Repertory thereto has been commenced by Messrs. Mayne and F. Nash, and 165 pages formed thereof. In the course of the summer, they likewise sorted and arranged upwards of an hundred thousand Records of various descriptions, consisting of Fiants, King's Letters, Orders of Council, Letters of Guardianship, Powers of Attorney, Bankrupts' Deeds, Qualification Rolls, and a variety of other public documents, which lay scattered through the gallery of the Record-room in considerable disorder, and quite inaccessible to the Public; comprising a period of nearly 300 years. A general Arrangement has also been made of the Inquisitions "post "Mortem," a most important lot of Records; represented by the English Sub-Commissioners to be "in a state entirely confused and irregular, and fast approaching to decay." These have been collected and sorted into Counties and Kings' reigns, and a general Repertory thereto commenced by Mr. Hardiman, of which he has completed 92 pages since Christmas. At the same time Mr. W. Nash commenced the formation of a general Inventory of the several kinds of Rolls, preparatory to an examination thereof with Lodge's Repertory.	Progress making by Mr. W. Nash on Inventory; by Mr. Mayne and Mr. F. Nash on the Decrees; and by Mr. Hardiman on the Inquisitions.

STATE of the PROCEEDINGS to 25 March 1812—*continued.*

REPOSITORY.	Sub-Commissioners and Others to whom the Orders of The Board were *directed.*	DUTY PERFORMED.	PROGRESS.
Chief Remembrancer's Office.	Mr. W. Nash. The Secretary.	THE Arrangement, in chronological order, of all the Rolls in the Office, consisting of the Memoranda Rolls, commencing Edward I. Rolls of Decrees of Innocents, Certificates of Adventurers, Soldiers, &c. under the Act of Settlement, was completed during the summer months. During same period, an arrangement of the Inquisitions into Counties chronologically was formed, and each Inquisition examined with the books of reference now in the Office, and all Rolls endorsed and bundles labelled, so as to be rendered accessible to the Public.	The duty here interrupted by Mr. W. Nash's illness, and no further return made since.
Auditor General's Office.	Mr. Harding. Mr. Fowler. The Secretary.	DURING the summer months, about two thirds of a vast collection of public documents belonging to this Office, consisting of several thousand Rolls of public Accounts; Vice-Treasurer's, Pells, Vice-Chamberlain's, &c. Books; which had been placed in the Dome of the Four Courts, have been completely arranged, convenient for reference, and preparatory to forming a general Inventory of its contents. Latterly, Indices Nominum et Rerum to the Books of Patents, Kings' Letters, &c. have been commenced.	Progress making on the Indexes until summer, when the arrangement of the contents of the Dome will be completed.
Surveyor General's Office.	Mr. Harding. Mr. Fowler.	UNDER the Order of the Board, a general Inventory has been formed of the Books of Maps preserved in this Office; and a Report thereon, as well as on the arrangement, condition, and security of those documents, has been made to the Board.	To report and continue the Inventory of the Papers lodged in this Office, connected with the Court of Claims.
Parliamentary Record Office. Rolls, and elsewhere.	Mr. Ball. Mr. Duhigg. Mr. Lawson. Mr. H. Mason. Mr. Connor. The Secretary.	STATUTES and ORDINANCES of IRELAND: UNDER the Orders of the Board, several Meetings were held by the Sub-Commissioners appointed to prepare a complete and authentic Edition of the Statutes and Ordinances of Ireland, with the Secretary. The collation of the printed Statutes with the original Rolls commencing Charles I. in the Parliamentary Record Office, has been nearly completed; and materials towards forming the first volume, consisting of some hundreds of ancient Statutes all previous to the 10th Henry VII. have been collected and transcribed.	Progress making on the collation of modern, and the transcription and translation of ancient Statutes.
Prerogative Office.	Mr. Betham. Mr. Greene. The Secretary.	AN Inventory has been formed of nearly 400 volumes of Administration and other Manuscript Books, which had been lying scattered in the attic story, and were brought down from thence and examined and labelled. A continuation of the Inventory will be made, as soon as the several papers and other matters found with the books shall have been examined and arranged. Many of the original Wills have been collated with the Transcript Books thereof; and general Indexes to said Books, as well as to the Administration Books, have been commenced, and considerable progress made in them. A Catalogue has been formed of 53 Regal Visitation Books, in the years 1615, 1633 and 1634, found in this Office, which were in a very decayed state, and about 500 pages of them transcribed by Mr. Greene.	Progress making on the Index to the Administration Books, and the transcription of the Visitation Books.
First Fruits' Office.	Mr. Lea. The Secretary.	A GENERAL Arrangement of the Records in this Office, which chiefly consist of Returns to the Bishops' Precepts, has been made, by sorting the whole, into 22 lots or parcels, each containing a Diocese or united Dioceses; and a general Inventory is forming of these Records, and nearly completed.	Progress making on the Inventory.

STATE of the PROCEEDINGS to 25 March 1812—*continued.*

REPOSITORY.	Sub-Commissioners and Others to whom the Orders of The Board were directed.	DUTY PERFORMED.	PROGRESS.
State Paper Office.	Mr. H. Mason. Mr. Connor. Mr. Sleater. The Secretary.	THE Order respecting this Department was suspended until the last Meeting of the Board, when the present Sub-Commissioners were appointed; upon which they had several Meetings; and application has been made to Government, for the accommodation of a room, to enable them to proceed under the Order.	No return of progress.
Registry for Deeds, Wills, and so forth.	Mr. Lawson. Mr. Betham. The Secretary.	A SPECIAL REPORT has been made on the state of this Repository and its Contents, under the Order of the Board: A Copy of it is to be found in the Appendix.—(B.) p. 23, infra.	Completed.
Lodge's MS. Lists of Patentee Officers.	Mr. Duhigg. The Secretary.	A REPORT by the principal Sub-Commissioners on each Repository, appointed to examine into the contents and merits of these Volumes, has been made, and is to be found in the Appendix.—(A.) p. 22, infra. Two Volumes relating to Patentee Officers, have been selected by the Board for printing, with Additions by Mr. Duhigg of the King's-Inns; on which he has already reported progress.	Progress making.

And that, at a Meeting of us the said Commissioners, on the 16th day of March last, the date of the foregoing Annual Report, the following Orders were made by us:

That the Instructions to be given, in answer to the Statute Sub-Commissioners, on the question of Poyning's Law, should be postponed to our next Meeting; and that the said Sub-Commissioners should make their next Report of their proceedings within three months from the 25th March then instant, with Returns, to our Secretary, of Work executed, and should confer with him on all proceedings, as directed under a general Order of the Board of the 18th February then last.

A Statement having been made, of the Rates of Payment demanded for copying Reports, and other documents and papers, under the Commission, calculated by the piece; and it being considered that such work could be done cheaper and more expeditiously in the Secretary's Office, by persons hired at salaries for the purpose; the Board thereupon Ordered, That the Secretary be empowered to employ one or more Clerks for these purposes, at salaries not exceeding Sixty Guineas per annum.

On consideration being had of the great importance of proper forms of Catalogues, Calendars, Indexes, &c. being adopted by the several sets of Sub-Commissioners, in executing the orders of the 18th February last; It was Ordered, That the Secretary, on obtaining Lodge's Manuscripts from the Chief Secretary's Office, should call a Meeting of one or more of each set of Sub-Commissioners, for the purpose of examining into the method and forms adopted by Mr. Lodge; and to consider how far his Books might serve as a model for arranging and digesting all the Records of *Ireland*; and likewise examine into and discuss any other plans that might be suggested by the Members of such Meeting; and finally to determine on such general Plans of Catalogues, Calendars, Indexes, Inventories, Registries, Repertories, or Schedules, as might afford the most complete Abstracts of, and the easiest reference to, the contents of the several Public Record Repositories in *Ireland*; and that they should prepare and lay before this Board a full report thereon, at its next Meeting.

In consequence of some observations having been made on the careless manner in which the Books in the Office of the Register of Deeds appeared to have been latterly transcribed, It was Ordered by us, That two Sub-Commissioners, attended by the Secretary, should proceed to inspect the state of the contents of that Repository, and to enquire, not only into the mode of conducting the business of the Registry, but of all other matters comprised in the printed Queries transmitted to the Register, as well as his Return thereto; and that the said Secretary and Sub-Commissioners should report fully thereon to this Board, on its next meeting.

On a representation having been made, that the printed Journals of the Lords and Commons of *Ireland* were deposited in stores in the Castle, and other places, where they were in danger of being destroyed or lost. It was Ordered by us, That the Sub-Commissioners on the Parliamentary Records, should be directed to take an immediate account of their number and condition, and adopt further methods for the preservation

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of the said Journals, and of such printed Copies of the Statutes, as remain among the Parliamentary Records; and that said Sub-Commissioners should report thereon to this Board, at its next Meeting.

It was Ordered, That the Secretary should furnish each set of Sub-Commissioners with a Journal or Day-book, to remain in their respective Repositories; in which each of the individuals, composing such Sub-Commission, should make a daily entry of his proceedings under the Order of this Board; such entry having reference, as well to the quantity of time spent, as to the work executed each day.

A Letter from John Giffard, Esq. dated 30th November then last, respecting one of the Council Books, which had fallen into private hands, and also the Secretary's Answer thereto, were read; when the Secretary stated, that he had taken means for the recovery of the said Book, or for obtaining a transcript of it; and the said Letter and Answer were ordered to be entered on the Minutes.

At a subsequent Meeting of us, the said Commissioners, on the 31st day of July last, a Report, dated the 29th day of July last, made by Francis Johnson, Architect, and Inspector of Civil Buildings, pursuant to our Order, was read: Mr. Johnson was thereupon sent for, and attended the Board with Plans of the Ground and Buildings at the Four Courts; and having stated his progress under the Order of the Board, he was directed to enquire minutely into the comparative expense of erecting such Buildings as were required at the Four Courts and King's Inns, and to confer with the Chief Secretary on said Plans and Estimates. We beg leave, most humbly, to lay before Your Royal Highness a copy of Mr. Johnson's Report, in the Appendix hereunto subjoined; and to state, that while the Records connected with the Courts of Justice more immediately engaged our attention, we were not unmindful of those of a general nature, which were deposited in private buildings or places otherwise insecure: for, in consequence of our representation, the Chief Secretary of the Lord Lieutenant obtained an Order from his Grace the Duke of Richmond, for fitting up as a Record Repository, the Round Tower adjoining the new Chapel in the lower Castle Yard of Dublin, into which it is intended to remove the Rolls and other Records of Birmingham Tower, the Statute-Rolls and Records of the late Irish Parliament, the State Papers, the Books and Maps of the Surveyor General's Office, and the Books belonging to the Office of Arms, and other Records of a similar nature; and we expect that the whole arrangement will be completed in the course of the ensuing summer.

APPENDIX (A.) page 22, *infra.*

The Order of the 16th of March last, respecting the Sub-Commissioners on the Statutes, together with their Report, made pursuant to said Order, and dated the 4th July 1811, being read, the Board Ordered, That the Sub-Commissioners on the Statutes, &c. should continue to report quarterly; and that instructions should be given them, to follow, without any deviation, the Plans of the English Statute Sub-Commissioners; and that Roderick Connor, Esq. should be appointed a Sub-Commissioner under this Board, and be employed conjointly with the Sub-Commissioners heretofore appointed for preparing the said intended edition of the Statutes and Ordinances of Ireland.

A Report, dated the 23d day of same month, from the Sub-Commissioners appointed to examine into Lodge's MS. Books, and to consider the proper forms of Catalogues, Calendars, Indexes, Inventories, Registries, Repertories, or Schedules, made pursuant to the Order of the 16th March last, was read; and the Board, approving of the Plans detailed in said Report, It was Ordered, That the same should be printed for distribution: A copy of which Report we beg leave to present to Your Royal Highness, in the Appendix.

APPENDIX (C.) p. 26, *infra.*

A Report, dated the 23d day of July instant, from the Sub-Commissioners appointed on the Registry Office, made pursuant to an Order of the 16th March last, was also read, and ordered to be taken into further consideration: A copy of this Report we likewise beg leave to lay before Your Royal Highness, in the Appendix, as containing some useful information upon the structure and operations of a system, the legislative establishment of which throughout *Ireland* has been attended with the most beneficial effects; and suggesting some necessary arrangements, not only for correcting abuses, but for improving the original plan, which, " however matured by the experience of a century, and the repeated efforts of legislative wisdom," may yet require its further interposition.

APPENDIX (B.) p. 23, *infra.*

It was likewise Ordered, That instructions be given to the several sets of Sub-Commissioners on Record Repositories, to make their respective monthly Returns within three days after the first day of each month, and to specify minutely therein, the quantity of time spent each day by them, and by their several Assistants and Clerks, in the discharge of their respective duties; and that the Hours of Attendance among the Sub-Commissioners, &c. at the several Repositories, be appointed by the Secretary, and in no wise departed from, without further arrangement.

The Secretary then stated, That he had proceeded, pursuant to Order, to call on the Officers or Keepers of the several Record Repositories, for Returns to the QUERIES* transmitted to them in the latter end of last year; in consequence of which many of those Returns had been made; but that several of them were still outstanding, as appeared by a List then laid before the Board, which precluded his reporting thereon pursuant to the Order of 18th February last: and that, previous to his making such Report, it would be necessary to inspect some of those Repositories, and particularly the Diocesan Registries, and the

* *See these* QUERIES *at length, in the* Appendix *to the* Secretary's First General Report; *as noticed in p. 35, infra.*

Offices of the Clerks of the Peace: Whereupon the Board Ordered, That the Secretary should summon to appear before this Board, upon their next day of meeting, all such Officers, &c. of Record Repositories as had neglected to make Returns to the Queries transmitted under the Order of 11th September preceding, and to account personally for their neglect in not making such Returns pursuant to said Order; and that, previous to making a second Report, the Secretary should be authorized and empowered to inspect personally all such Record Repositories in *Ireland*, as might be deemed necessary, taking with him, on such occasion, any one or two of the Sub-Commissioners acting under this Board, and that in the course of their inspection and inquiries their attention should be particularly directed to ancient Charters, Statutes, and State Papers, and such other public documents, as are to be found at Kilkenny, Waterford, and Lismore.

Part of the First Report, relating to the State Paper Office, being read, and also an Order made by the Board on the 18th of February last, and mentioned in our former Report respecting it, the Secretary stated, That pursuant thereto he had written to the Chief Secretary of the Lord Lieutenant; in consequence of which, certain Answers had since been communicated to him by Mr. Taylor of that Office, describing the Books referred to in Mr. Le Bas' Letter, as mentioned in our former Report, without reporting however, agreeably to the said Order, any plan for effecting the objects pointed out in the several Patents and Grants made from time to time to the Keepers of State Papers.

After which was also read, the said Return from Mr. Taylor, and a Letter from William Monck Mason, Esq. dated the 24th day of June last, offering his services to this Board in this department: Whereupon the Board Ordered, That the said William Monck Mason should be a Sub-Commissioner of this Board, for the purpose of arranging the Books and State Papers of *Ireland*, whether in the Chief Secretary's Office or elsewhere, making proper Indexes to the same, and preparing a General Catalogue or Inventory thereof; and that our said Secretary should be joined with the said William Monck Mason, for the purpose of conferring with him in all proceedings to be adopted under this Order.

Part of the Report made on Lodge's Books being also read, and the Board considering the utility that may be derived from a publication of two Folio Volumes of them, called "Lists of Patentee Officers;" and it being represented that Mr. Duhigg of the King's-Inns had collected further materials for extending the subject of Mr. Lodge's Volumes, from a very early period down to the Union; and it being also considered, that his assistance would be useful in preparing the whole for publication, under the direction and authority of this Board; It was Ordered, That Bartholomew Thomas Duhigg, Esq. as a Sub-Commissioner under the authority of this Board, should proceed, according as his leisure from his other avocations on the Statutes should permit, to complete the two Volumes of Lodge's List of Patentee Officers for publication; and for that purpose the Secretary was directed to cause said two Volumes to be transcribed by Clerks in his Office; and that Mr. Duhigg should report thereon to this Board at their next Meeting, state the plan upon which he would propose to carry this Order into execution, and confer with the Secretary in all measures to be taken under it.

Part of the First General Report, relating to the Office of the Court of Prerogative, and the Return since made from said Office, were then read: Whereupon the Board Ordered, That Mr. Betham, Sub-Commissioner on the Tower, laying aside his evening's occupation in matters of Record there, should be appointed Sub-Commissioner, with Mr. Rawdon Greene as his Assistant under the Board, for arranging, methodizing, and indexing all the Records, Books, and Papers, in the Office of the Court of Prerogative, or belonging thereto, and for preparing a General Catalogue or Inventory; and that the Secretary should be joined with the said Messrs. Betham and Greene, for the purpose of conferring with them in all proceedings to be adopted under this Order.

The Return from the First Fruits Office was then read; and the Secretary having stated, that the most valuable arrangement there, would be that of entering into Diocesan Books the contents of the Returns made by the several Archbishops and Bishops, which could be soon completed by one of the Clerks of that Office; the Board thereupon Ordered, That Mr. Samuel P. Lea of said Office should be a Sub-Commissioner under this Board, for arranging and methodizing the several Records, Books, and Papers, in the First Fruits' Office, completing the Registry or Repertory thereof, and making a General Inventory of its Contents; and that same should be done under the inspection of the Secretary.

The Board, considering the Return from Mr. Nash of the Rolls Office, wherein he stated the necessity of employing an Assistant to act for him as Sub-Commissioner on the Rolls, in consequence of his other employments in the Rolls Office, which required constant attendance; and it having been stated, that his Son William Nash, who had been appointed on the Chief Remembrancer's Office, and had made considerable progress therein, was willing to undertake the Arrangement of the two Repositories, which are similar in their nature; the Board thereupon Ordered, That the said William Nash should be appointed a Sub-Commissioner on the Rolls Office, in the place of his Father, and that Messrs. Mayne and F. Nash should be continued to act as his Assistants and under his directions in the Rolls; and that he might also take to his assistance, if it should be considered necessary by him and the Secretary, in either of said Repositories, Messrs. Tierney and Vesey, Clerks in the Rolls Office, and Mr. James Hardiman of Capel-street, Dublin.

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That part of the First General Report, relating to the Surveyor-General's Office, from whence no Return had then been made, was read; and the Board considering the necessity of a correct and immediate examination into the contents of that Repository, which are of great national importance; It was Ordered, That Messrs. Harding and Fowler, Sub-Commissioners on the Auditor-General's Office, laying aside their evening's occupation in matters of Record, should proceed, immediately, to make a General Inventory of all the Books, Maps and Papers, preserved in the Surveyor-General's Office; and the said Sub-Commissioners were directed to notice particularly the Arrangement, Condition, and Security of such Documents, and to report fully thereon to this Board at their next Meeting.

The Board, considering the great utility and advantage, which the Public must derive from a general knowledge of the Contents of the several Record Repositories, by means of classified Schedules or Inventories, which at the same time might afford a check or control over the Officers to whose care the custody of the Records should at any time be committed; It was Ordered, That the Secretary should write, in the name of the Board, to the principal Officers of the several Courts of Justice in *Ireland*, requesting them respectively to prepare a classified Schedule or General Inventory of all the Records, Rolls, Books, Papers, and other Public Documents, belonging to their respective Offices or Repositories, which had been committed to their care, and were then in their custody; the said Schedule or Inventory to be in the nature of a Press-Catalogue, describing the Contents of each Apartment, Press, and Shelf, and specifying the Title and Numerical Marks affixed to each Record, &c.; the same to be certified and signed not only by the Principal, Deputy, or other proper Officer, but also by the Person or Persons having the actual custody and possession of such Records, &c. &c. as being true in all particulars, to the best of their knowledge and belief; and that such Schedules or Inventories, so certified as aforesaid, should be delivered to our said Secretary, who was by said Order directed thereupon to inspect and compare the same with the Contents of the several Repositories, with the assistance of one or more Sub-Commissioners acting under the authority of this Board; and also to cause Duplicates to be made of such Schedules or Inventories, and, after certifying same on the last page, and also by affixing his Name to every page of such Duplicates, to return such Duplicates to the proper Officer of each Repository in which they had been made, there to remain among the Records of said Office, for the use of such Officer and his Successors.

The Secretary then stated, That he had, under the direction of the Lord Chancellor, taken every opportunity to promote the object of researches in *Dublin*, respecting collections for a new edition of Rymer's Fœdera, by Doctor Adam Clarke, one of the English Sub-Commissioners, who had been sent here for that purpose; when it was suggested, that special instructions should be given to the Sub-Commissioners on that head: Whereupon the Board Ordered, That the several Sub-Commissioners acting under the Board, should be instructed to specify particularly, in their monthly Returns, all State Papers, &c. similar to those contained in Rymer's Fœdera, which they might happen to meet with in the course of their researches in the several Record Repositories; and, in like manner, an account of all Statutes prior to the 10th of Henry VII.

A Letter, written by the Secretary the 28th of May last, to John Caley, Esq. Secretary to the English Record Commission, stating the wishes of this Board to be supplied with copies of the several Record Publications in England, Reports of Proceedings, &c.; and Mr. Caley's Answer thereto, mentioning that the English Record Commissioners had given orders for delivering same, being read; the Secretary stated, That he had received a box, containing Seventeen Volumes of Publications under the English Record Commission: The Board, approving of this measure, Ordered, That said Letters should be entered on the Minutes; and that the Secretary should write in the name of this Board, to acknowledge the receipt of the said Volumes, and to thank the English Record Commissioners for their readiness in giving the said Orders.

A Letter, signed George L. Grabham, dated the 16th April 1811, stating that a great quantity of Books and Papers were entrusted to his care, by the Commissioners for enquiring into the Losses of Suffering Loyalists in 1798; and also enclosing an Extract from the final Report of those Commissioners, being read; and the Secretary, having mentioned that he had inspected those Books and Papers, and that they were tied up in bundles according to the respective Counties, and placed in Presses in a room of the house in Anglesea-street, in which the Parliamentary Records are deposited: the Board Ordered, That the said Letter and Extract should be entered on the Minutes of the Board; and that the Secretary should write, in the name of the Board, to the Chief Secretary of the Lord Lieutenant, requesting an Order, from his Grace the Duke of Richmond, for said Books and Papers to be handed over to the Secretary, until the Board should make further order.

For the purpose of preserving an account of the several Manuscript Books, &c. which have or should hereafter come into the custody of the Secretary or other Officer of this Board; It was Ordered, That the Secretary should provide a Book, to be labelled "A Catalogue of the Manuscripts, Books, &c. belonging to the Irish Record Commission 1810," and enter therein, an Inventory of such Manuscripts and other Books as had already or should hereafter come into his possession, as Secretary to this Board; distinguishing Manuscripts from printed Books, giving an account of the contents of each volume, and specifying the time he received it, and from whom; and that he should subscribe his Name at the end of every page of such Book, and preserve the same carefully.

At a subsequent Meeting of the Commissioners on the 30th day of January last, Mr. Johnson the architect, having, agreeably to an Order mentioned in our former Report, laid before the Board, Plans of the Four Courts and of the Ground surrounding the same, as well as a comparative Estimate of the probable expense of erecting Buildings thereon, with the expense of converting the Buildings of the King's-Inns into Public Offices; the Board Ordered, That the said Plans should be taken into consideration at its next Meeting, and that in the meantime, they should be referred to the principal Officers of the Four Courts, together with the Secretary, who were thereby directed to inspect the several Public Offices adjoining to the Four Courts, and to report what additions and alterations ought to be made, for the more convenient use and better preservation of Records connected with Courts of Justice; specifying how far their opinions coincide with, or differ from, Mr. Johnson's Plan and suggestions.

It was then stated by the Secretary, That he had suspended the execution of the Order respecting the State Paper Office, so far as it concerned Mr. Monck Mason, whose attendance to his duty in the Custom-house was considered by the Government as incompatible with any appointment under the authority of this Board; and the Board considering the necessity of carrying this Order into execution, by the aid of some of the persons already employed under the Commission; It was Ordered, That Henry Joseph Mason, and Roderick Connor, Esquires, acting as Sub-Commissioners under the authority of this Board, should be substituted in the place and stead of the said William Monck Mason, as Sub-Commissioner on the State Paper Office; and that they should proceed, according as their leisure from their other avocations on the Statutes might permit, with the aid and assistance of Richard Francis Sleater, Gentleman, of the Secretary of State's Office, thereby appointed their assistant Sub-Commissioner, together with such Assistants as might be deemed necessary from the Secretary's Office, to carry the aforesaid Order of the Board, respecting the State Papers, into immediate execution.

The Secretary then stated, That a part of Lodge's List of Patentee Officers had been transcribed in his Office, and transmitted to Mr. Duhigg, under the Order of the Board, and that Mr. Duhigg was making progress under said Order; as appeared by his Letter dated the 28th day of January instant, which was read, and ordered to be entered on the Minutes.

Appendix (C.) p. 26, *infra.*

The Secretary then stated, That copies of the Report from the Sub-Commissioners appointed to examine into Lodge's Books, and consider proper forms of Catalogues, Calendars, Indexes, &c. had been printed in octavo, pursuant to Order; and also stated, that he had received many Returns from the principal Officers of the several Courts of Justice in *Ireland*, under the Order of the Board, respecting Schedules and Inventories; and that uniformity is preserved in said Returns, having been framed according to certain tabular Forms transmitted to the several Officers by the Secretary, Specimens of which were then produced: And the Board approving of said forms, and of the general plans for indexing and digesting Records, comprised in the above-mentioned Report, and considering the advantage that must result from the diffusion of the information contained therein, among the Officers or Keepers of Record Repositories; It was Ordered, That Copies of said Report should be distributed to the Members of this Board, and sent to the Sub-Commissioners employed under this Board, and the principal Officers of the several Courts of Justice in *Ireland*, for their respective information and direction.

It was then Ordered, That as soon as Mr. W. Nash was able to resume his duties in the Chief Remembrancer's Office, he should be at liberty to take to his assistance in said Office, Mr. Thomas Litton, as also Mr. Gerald Tench of that Office, or any of the Clerks thereof, if considered necessary by Frederick Thompson, Esq. Deputy Chief Remembrancer, and the Secretary.

The Secretary then mentioned, That having been informed that several Papers, Books, and Documents, belonging to the old Exchequer Chamber, were still in the possession of Mr. Halfpenny, who had been formerly Clerk of the Errors in that Court, and that he was willing to hand them over when he had authority so to do; and having stated, that there was a Room in the Public Record Office convenient for their reception: The Board thereupon Ordered, That the Secretary should write, in the name of this Board, to the Chief Secretary of the Lord Lieutenant, requesting an Order from his Grace the Duke of Richmond, for said Books and Papers to be handed over to the Secretary, to be preserved by him in the Public Record Office, until the Board should make further order.

The Memorial of the Provost, Fellows, and Scholars of Trinity College, Dublin, praying that their Charter, then among the Parliamentary Records, might be handed over to their Bursar, was read: And, it appearing that their said Charter ought to remain in the care and custody of the Bursar of said College; the Board Ordered, That the Secretary should write to the Sub-Commissioners on the Parliamentary Records, in the name of this Board, directing them to hand over the said Charter to the Provost, the Bursar, or other proper Officer of said College, taking his acknowledgment for same, and lodging it with the Secretary of this Board; who was directed to enter the same, together with said Memorial, on the Minutes.

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The Board, having taken into consideration that part of the First General Report respecting the importance of a regular transmission of the copies of Parish Registers, in every Diocese, to the Diocesan or his Chancellor, which, by the Canons of 1634, ought to take place annually; and the great utility which might be derived from the same, in guarding the evidences of titles and pedigrees from spoliation and confusion; Ordered, That the Secretary should write, in their name, to his Grace the Lord Primate, and their Graces the Lord Archbishops of Dublin, Cashel, and Tuam, respectfully submitting to them the propriety of using such means as they should judge to be expedient, for causing an annual transmission of copies of the Parish Registers in every Diocese, to the Bishop of the Diocese, or his Chancellor, to the end that the same might be faithfully preserved in the Registry of each Bishop, according to said Canon.

With respect to Parochial Registers, the Board are so strongly impressed with the public importance of their regular return and transmission to some secure Repository, and of their careful arrangement and preservation therein, as well as with the long experienced inefficacy of the law, as it now stands, to attain those objects, that they feel themselves emboldened most humbly to submit to Your Royal Highness's consideration, whether it may not be expedient, that the provisions of a Bill now under the consideration of the Legislature, for the better regulation and preservation of Parish and other Registers of Births, Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, and for establishing general Repositories for all such Registers in England, should, if approved of for that part of the United Kingdom, be extended also to *Ireland*; where some legislative provision for the like purpose is certainly very much wanted.

A Report made by Messrs. Harding and Fowler, on the Surveyor General's Office, dated the 25th day of January 1812, pursuant to an Order of the Board bearing date the 3d day of August last, was then laid before the Board, and ordered to be read and taken into consideration at the next Meeting of the Board.

And at a subsequent Meeting of this Board on the 16th of March instant, the day of the date hereof, a draft of this Report was laid before us; unaccompanied, however, with the several Returns from Record Repositories, Indexes thereto, Fac Similés of Records, and Plans of Buildings directed by the Order of the Board, which the Secretary mentioned to be in a state of progress, but that they could not be completed so as to submit them to the Board within the given time, on account of the nature and extent of the materials of which they were to be composed, and from many of the Returns being still outstanding, as appeared by a List then laid before the Board: The Board thereupon Ordered, That the Secretary and Sub-Commissioners employed in this work, should proceed in completing the several Indexes, Fac Similés, and Plans, directed by the Board, for the purpose of laying them, together with the said Returns when completed, before Your Royal Highness.

Vide Supplement to this Report, now subjoined, p. 35, &c. infra.

The Report made by Messrs. Harding and Fowler on the Surveyor General's Office, being read, and also the Secretary's Letter to the Right Honourable William Wellesley Pole, dated the 28th of September 1811, respecting the Down Survey: The Board thereupon Ordered, That the said Report should be included in, and form a part of the Appendix preparing for the next Report to be humbly submitted to Your Royal Highness; and that in the meantime a Committee, consisting of the Right Honourable the Lord Chief Justice, the Lord Norbury, the Lord Chief Baron, and the Earls of Meath and Rosse, should be appointed to enquire and report to the Board, whether the proceedings taken in the late Irish Parliament for making General Vallancey's copy of the Barony Maps of the Down Survey, evidence, and which dropped unexpectedly by the prorogation of Parliament, ought not to be revived in the Imperial Parliament, by bringing in a Bill for such purpose; and if so, whether it does not form a fit subject for the recommendation of this Board, in their next Report to Your Royal Highness.

And we beg leave most humbly to state to Your Royal Highness, that at the present time we have not any other matters to offer for Your Royal Highness's consideration, touching or concerning the premises, or any further Measure to propose thereupon.

All which is most humbly submitted to YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS's Consideration.

(Signed)

MANNERS, C. (L. S.)
MEATH. (L. S.)
WILLIAM DOWNES. (L. S.)
JOHN P. CURRAN. (L. S.)
PATRICK DUIGENAN. (L. S.)

Dublin, 16 March 1812.

Entered on the Minutes,
Wm Shaw Mason, Secretary.

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(A.)

To His Majesty's Commissioners on the Public Records of Ireland.

The Report of Francis Johnson, Architect, and Inspector of Civil Buildings.

APPENDIX. (A.) Report of the Architect.

IN obedience to the Order of this Honourable Board, dated the 18th February last, and transmitted to me by the Secretary of the Board of Works on the 2d of March; whereby I am ordered to examine into the state of the Buildings adjoining the Courts of Justice allotted for the preservation of the Public Records; and whether there be any Buildings already formed, suitable to the intended purpose; and if not, to prepare Plans of such additional Buildings, at the rear of the Four Courts, as may appear necessary for the more convenient use and better preservation of said Records; I have the honour of submitting the following Report.

My attention being particularly directed by your Secretary to the Buildings belonging to the Honourable Society of the King's-Inns, on Primate's Hill, I accompanied him thither in the first instance, and inspected the Ground and several Plans of those Buildings, and also Plans of the Four Courts and Offices adjoining, in the hands of the Librarian; and I beg leave to state, as my opinion, that the Buildings on Primate's Hill may be converted into suitable Repositories for Records, but at a very considerable expense, and that the situation appears inconvenient and insecure. I likewise proceeded, accompanied with your Secretary, on the 14th June last, to examine into the state, security and accommodation, of the Buildings adjoining the Courts of Justice, as appears in the detail or memorandum hereunto annexed, taken by us on the occasion; and I find that the roof in the Western Wing, which comprehends the Rolls and King's Bench Offices, has been considerably injured by the wet penetrating through the roof and gutters at various periods; that the Buildings are exposed on all sides to fire, and are unsafe from malicious designs; that the accumulation of parchments and papers, in almost every one of these offices, has been so great as to cause considerable inconvenience and delay to the public business; in some cases, extra presses have been erected in the centre of the rooms, and in others the Records, &c. are lying on the floor, and on tables, for want of other accommodation. And I beg leave to remark, that in the course of this inspection, opportunities were afforded of obtaining information on the subject from the principal Officer of each Repository.

And lastly, pursuant to the foregoing Order, I beg leave to represent to the Board, that I cannot well form a Plan of the Buildings required, without having communication with persons properly qualified to instruct me as to the nature and extent of the Offices wanting, and of the connection they should have with each other, and also with the respective Courts to which they belong: And it is necessary for me also to state, that for such Buildings as it may be judged necessary to place at the rear of the Four Courts, Ground must be purchased at a considerable expense, whether by private contract, or by Jury valuation under the Wide Street Act. I shall be ready to wait on the Board with the Plan of the Four Courts and Law Offices; which Plan will shew what Ground there is in the rear, that belongs to Government.

Francis Johnson, Architect.
July 29th, 1811.

(B.)

To His Majesty's Commissioners on the Public Records of Ireland.

Report of the Sub-Commissioners on the Registry-Office.

PURSUANT to the Order of the 16th of March last, we have examined the state of the Office for registering Deeds and Wills, as accurately as the short interval since the last Meeting of the Board, and our limited authority, would permit; and must solicit much indulgence for the following Report.

ORIGIN.

The enrolments and registry of Deeds and Wills, to perpetuate evidence of Titles, and render notorious all transfers and incumbrances of Landed Property, was practised centuries ago, both in Great Britain and on the Continent (1); but a tract of Sir Mathew Hale, seems to have produced the English Acts of 2d and 5th of Anne, from whence ours are chiefly copied, perhaps with improved precision.

For many years after the establishment of our Registry Office, the number of Memorials was comparatively small. The intrinsic utility of the plan, and the growing prosperity of the country, have augmented their number with such progressive rapidity, as seems abundantly to compensate for the great reduction in the value of money; insomuch that, although the Fees for searches and entries there continue (nominally at least) at their original amount, the net profits of the Office appear substantially augmented, half the entire number of Memorials having been filed within the last twenty years.

PRESENT REGISTRY OFFICE.

From a private house (where some damage was sustained by fire) it was removed to the lower Castle Yard, to secure it at least from violence. The convenience of proximity to the Courts (in which Memorials may be unexpectedly required as evidence at any moment of a trial) caused its recent removal to the south-east corner of the Offices attached to them. There it occupies three stone-vaulted rooms and a closet, on the ground floor; one of which is allotted for the copying Clerks, another is nearly filled with above 435,000 Memorials of registry; these are filed in upwards of fourteen hundred Portfolios, containing three hundred apiece, kept in by a running lace (like a file of Newspapers) that any of them may occasionally be taken out when wanted as evidence in any part of Ireland. The other room is as nearly filled with about six hundred and eighteen volumes of Transcripts, and ninety of Indexes to them, and to the Memorials; each volume containing about six hundred leaves of parchment (elephant size) written and paged on both sides, numbered on the backs, and requiring the whole strength of the arm to manage, so as not to be easily stolen out for any fraudulent purpose. The closet is the only apartment appropriated to the use of the Register, or his Deputy, and is also nearly filled with old Memorial Books; several of which are already much defaced, and some of the Memorials belonging to them long since lost.

George Moore, Esq. (who is joined with the officiating Deputy under the Right honourable George Ogle) expresses apprehensions, from the position of the windows, and the absence of any guard, lest fire might be maliciously thrown in; but, with the exception of this bare possibility, the Register Office seems as secure as any other Record Repository.

ORIGINAL MEMORIALS.

The Portfolios lie horizontally, between shelves numbered correspondently. The Memorials in general contain the essential requisites prescribed; and nearly as much care seems to be taken of their preservation, as the frequent recurrence to them will permit. But it might possibly conduce to their security, if doors were annexed to all the presses containing Memorials above thirty years old; and if, instead of the Register's Clerk (whose attention is distracted by a multiplicity of searches, and who is hardly responsible) a sworn Officer, bound by sufficient bail, were to remain constantly in charge of the original Memorials, continue with them during office hours, and deliver them out for trials only upon proper dockets from the Deputy Register. The danger of committing to the same Clerk the Originals, Transcripts, and Catalogues, is obvious; and (besides the loss of many original Memorials) Mr. Moore has frankly declared his suspicions, that one of two Memorials,

(1) The Saxons executed their Conveyances in the County Court, and entered Memorials of them in Monastic Chartularies. Richard I. projected a general Register of the Jewish Mortgages (called by them, Shatars or Starrs); and in Scotland every transfer of land is regularly recorded. In France, Henry II. ordained, in 1553, that all Substitutions should be registered. And in Flanders an Edict of 1588 (recited in the code of its laws and customs, "Keuren ende costumen van den landen van den vryen") directs that all sales, exchanges, releases or other alienations of land, shall be registered within one month (and a certificate of registry subscribed), or be void as against third persons, so that the first registered Deed, &c. shall prevail: "By ghebreke van t' zelve overdraghen in der manieren, voorseyt, te wesen van *gheender* weerden, kracht, nochte effect; jeghen ofte in prejudicie van eenen derden; so dat den gonen die ten zelven Registre *eerst* bekent sal zijn (al waere hy oock van jongher date) voor den anderen gaen, ende gheprefereert sal worden, in het ghesagh van de proprieteyt," &c.

APPENDIX. (B.) Report of the Sub-Comm^{rs} on the Registry Office.

Memorials, both numbered 274, 165. and dated in 1793, is spurious; though it has been copied into the corresponding book, where it forms one of the two last articles. To guard against future interpolations, he has, this year, begun a numerical Inventory of the Memorials, to enable him (in the mercantile phrase) to take periodical accounts of stock. But though proper duplicates of the Memorial Books would cost somewhat more, they would not only serve to detect frauds, but to supply passages decayed, mutilated, or erased.

The Memorial Books also lie horizontally between shelves, numbered in the same order. They contain generally (though not invariably) in order of time, copies of all the Memorials of Registry, tolerably accurate; but not without occasional variations, wrong pagings, and even transpositions from one year or book to another, where there was vacant space. In this series of books there appears no interruption; but their margin hardly affords room for the numbers of the Memorials, and the Parties' names; and, in the latter volumes, the parchment is bad, and the writing sometimes scarcely legible. The present mode of feeding, and time of killing cattle, perhaps, accounts for the flimsiness of the parchment. And we were informed, upon enquiry, that it is exceedingly difficult to procure proper Clerks; that copying each file of Memorials cost two pounds thirteen shillings; and that above one thousand pounds a year was paid to the copying Clerks of this Office.

LAND INDEXES.

To all the original Memorials and the Transcript Books there are Indexes of the same material, size, shape, and binding, as those books. One series of these Indexes is for Lands and Premises, alphabetically arranged in one or more volumes for each County (three for the City of Dublin, commencing at different periods.) This plan is simple, and in general satisfactory: the names of the Townland, Square, Street, &c. forming one column, the Baronies a second, the Parishes a third; the next space contains the Parties Names and additions, a short description of the Premises, &c.; and three succeeding columns include the Number and Page of the Transcript Book, and the Number of the original Memorial. Where there are many sub-denominations of Lands in a Memorial, it is attempted (as the Act apparently directs) to enter each of them in its alphabetical place, referring to some leading denomination, in the Index, for particulars. But besides the multiplicity of blank spaces resulting from such reciprocal references, it is evident that some of these obscure sub-denominations (perhaps most of them) must be misplaced, misspelled, or totally omitted; and that the Clerks, through indolence or inadvertence, will often content themselves with alphabeting some of those which happen to stand foremost (*): (consequently, though persons who know them all, may, by successive searches for each, ultimately light upon a Memorial comprehending the whole detail, Mr. Moore declares that the Index of Lands is not to be depended on.) Besides, its arrangement is not strictly alphabetical; all the denominations which begin with the same letter being intermixed almost in the order in which the Memorials happened to come in, though occasional attempts to attain something like dictionary order, by interlineations, have crowded and disfigured almost every page, and sometimes in an embarrassing degree. To save parchment, and to exhibit as much as possible in one view, no margin is left at the bottom or sides, which, being particularly thumbed and worn, a vast number of references are effaced, and cannot be supplied without a complete research through all the original Memorials. The expense of making a new set of Indexes by such a research, the Deputy Register computes at between ten and twenty thousand pounds; and that of merely copying them, at about one thousand pounds. Paper Duplicates, however, of the last Dublin Indexes, and some others, seem requisite, to accommodate the Public.

PERSONAL INDEXES.

The English Local Registry Acts (†) do not apparently prescribe any Index of Parties' Names, and the Irish Statutes are not explicit as to its Form. Hence the parchment folios of Names up to 1785 contain only the Grantor or Testator's Names, merely arranged under their Initials (as the Memorials come in) followed by those of the Grantees, and the reference, without any addition of degree or place, denominations, date, or nature of the Instrument. Thus the Name sought was often overlooked in tracing down several thousands, and, when found, had nothing discriminative attached to it. Mr. Moore's Father (who was Deputy Register) then formed a more methodical arrangement, by calculating the recurrence of all the Parties' Names through the preceding period, and opening paper books, wherein he engrossed them alphabetically, with intervals proportioned to the respective probable quantity of future Memorials; when these spaces were mostly filled, the Names were more regularly disposed in fair copies; and (this plan being continued) the Index of

(*) Sir John Davis, in one of his letters, states, that Monaghan (though but a small County) was divided into five Baronies, 100 Bally-betaghs, and 1,600 Taths (or sub-denominations) each containing about 60 acres. Many of these have English as well as Irish names; and some have two or three of both. He adds, that the Gavelkind laws multiplied sub-divisions to such a degree, that almost every man had a patrimony; and, were it but an acre or two, called it his "Country."

(†) The 2d and 3d of Anne, c. 4. and 5 Anne, c. 18. &c. This latter Statute (which is not adopted here) requires Judgments to be registered, in order to affect purchasers or creditors. No other Registry Act imposes any obligation to register any thing; much less to register it fully and fairly; so that any man, having duplicate title-deeds, may sell the same property to several different persons successively. Judge Blackstone observes, that since the introduction of death-bed devises and secret conveyances to uses, there never has been any sufficient guard provided against fraudulent charges and incumbrances; and that it has even been doubted, whether the Registries have not done harm. Wills are seldom registered at all, and often lie dormant and unproved for a series of years; until the heir-at-law is perhaps put to all the trouble and expense of an equity suit, in order to discover whether he has been clandestinely disinherited.

of Names from 1785 nearly to the present time, has been alphabetically engrossed in parchment books of the same size and binding as the Land Index. And for the preceding period there are one hundred and twenty alphabetical *pro patria* paper volumes, which Mr. Moore (considering as his private property) has proposed to sell for the public use of the Office. They are divided into six periods, beginning successively at 1707, 1730, 1744, 1758, 1768, and 1776. Each Book contains the Names, beginning with a particular letter, during a period, save that the alphabetical heads are reduced to twenty, by joining some of those letters (such as X, Y, Z,) which seldom begin any name.

FEES.

The Fee for a search in these books (according to Mr. Moore) is One Shilling for each period; but it often becomes necessary to try several Names successively for a single enquiry, for even this improved Index contains no leading particulars of the place, nature, or date of the Deed or Will; and as the Clerks charge still higher, when they make searches on demands of *Negative Certificates*, the expense is generally complained of. In *this* case however it arises partly from the real trouble of examining all the recent Memorials, which have not been indexed; partly from the regular fees and stamps for copies of long Memorials, which are set out in the Negative Certificate as part of a Title (instead of their mere Numbers, or short extracts from them, at the Party's election, as usual in England.) The sum of Half-a-Guinea (allowed by the Act) certainly would be a very scanty compensation for the possible danger of an Action of Damages, if such an Action could easily succeed; and a former Deputy Register, examined in the Irish House of Commons*, confessed that a Negative Certificate sometimes cost Twenty Guineas; and that the Clerks habitually delayed the entry of Memorials, to extort Expedition-Fees. All the other Indexes may be searched whole days for Sixpence, and often gratis. No account is kept of these Fees, further than their gross amount, which Mr. Moore estimates at Seven hundred and forty pounds a-year. The Salary paid by the Public to Mr. Ogle, is One thousand three hundred pounds; out of which he first pays all expenses; and the net average balance of Fees and Salary together is estimated at Sixteen hundred pounds, which may seem not perfectly reconcilable with the preceding computed expense of Clerks. Annual Returns however of the Fees being made to Parliament, and Witnesses examined on oath respecting them, at the time above alluded to, we cannot hope to add any thing so satisfactory or authoritative.

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS.

As a new Register Office is already almost indispensable, we shall conclude with briefly suggesting some particulars, which appear to us material, for its construction and arrangement. To guard against malicious mischief, the light should only be admitted through the upper part of the Building; and to provide the utmost space for arranging the Books distinctly, it should be surrounded internally with projecting partitions, having shelves on both sides, lettered and numbered (as in great public libraries) to obviate the extreme inconvenience of too long a numerical series. The Books (especially Indexes) to have two inches clear margin, and three at the bottom; and the parchment to be good, and dressed on both sides. The Land Index to contain a column for the next Town, and the number of every Town-house: and the Index of Names to contain columns for the County, (*) Barony, date, and nature of the Instrument. Affidavits accompanying Memorials, to specify which are the two or three chief denominations, and their computed distance from the next Town (naming it); but the Transcript Books to be no longer swelled with copies of the Affidavits and common Covenants at length.

In a Commercial country it is essential that Land should be easily negotiable, to prevent its being monopolized, and render it instrumental to trading enterprize. All transfers or incumbrances of Land should therefore be notorious, that the opulent may lend or purchase secure from fraud, and the indigent mortgage or sell unoppressed by exactions.

It might considerably diminish the trouble and risk attending purchases, if registering (not only Statutes, Recognizances, and Judgments, but) all Wills, Conveyances, and Decrees affecting Lands and Premises (within a certain time) were made essential to their validity (at least against third persons;) and if all Marriage Settlements, and other Trust Deeds, and, perhaps, all Deeds of great importance, were to be also either deposited, or enrolled at length (being first duly acknowledged by the Grantors or their Attornies, before a Judge of some Court of Record, or provincial Register, and certified by him) so that attested copies of them should be evidence, under proper restrictions, and that (in the language of Lord Hale) "the purchaser or lender may not be as much in the dark as before, and cheated under the credit of a public Office erected to prevent it."

Persuaded, however, of the general correctness and utility of the Registry Office, we abstain from extending further this inevitably long Report, by hazarding more proposals to improve a plan, matured by the experience of a century, and repeated efforts of legislative wisdom.

Dublin, 23 July 1811.

Edward Lawson, Sub. Com. Stat.
Wm Betham, Sub. Com. Pub. Rec.
Wm Shaw Mason, Sec. Com. Pub. Rec.

* Journals, Vol. VIII. Appendix ccxxxix.

(*) Two or three letters of each would suffice to contra-distinguish those titles which may, from those which cannot, correspond with the object of the search.

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To His Majesty's Commissioners on the Public Records of Ireland.

Report of the Sub-Commissioners upon Plans for Digesting and Indexing the Records.

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(C.) Report of Sub-Comm^rs on Plans for Indexing Records.

HAVING carefully examined the Plan of Mr. Lodge's Manuscripts, referred to us, we cannot, for reasons which will appear in this Report, recommend it as a model, even for the arrangement of those Records which were in his own custody, and which engaged his long and indefatigable attention.

Instructed by his example to distrust habitual attachments to official forms, yet unwilling to propose material innovations without apparent necessity; we have compared various other plans, for the purpose of devising some general system, applicable to all the offices, by such obvious alterations as the nature, importance, and relative quantity of their contents may require.

ARRANGEMENT OF RECORDS.

I. Previously to framing Catalogues, the Records themselves should be disposed in a secure, compact, and convenient manner. None of those objects is compatible with the form of Rolls, derived from the infancy of writing. They admit dust and air impregnated with moisture and acids to decompose the ink; (1) they occupy much more room than portfolios; and they cannot be kept in so regular a series, nor inspected with equal facility. The Parliament Rolls, in particular, often extend many perches in length; actually requiring a machine to uncoil and wind them up, and to prevent their not only being trailed upon the ground, but torn asunder by their own weight in the operation. In general it appears that Records should lie horizontally between sliding shelves; that proper divisions of terms, years, or subject matter may be preserved, without leaving empty spaces; and that a shelf of Records may be drawn out sufficiently to examine the marginal marks upon each, without disturbing their arrangement.

If the size of the skins were regulated according to the nature of the Record, and none received without a margin of one inch at least; they might be laced in portfolios, so that any of them could be detached, when wanted, as evidence; and that every Record, consisting of many skins, might be stitched or bound.

The contents of each Repository being sorted in the most usual and convenient classes, and such as are not reducible to any general head, placed in a miscellaneous division; the partition or press appropriated for each class should be distinguished by its proper title, and also by a different capital letter in succession; and each shelf or subdivision by a small letter alphabetically. In this way near five millions (2) of Records might be distinctly numbered, without using more than four figures for any one; whereas in the Registry Office, great inconvenience and errors arise from a single series of numbers, not amounting to half a million.

Each subdivision should contain, nearly, an equal quantity ranged in order of time, and be marked, not only with its small letter, but with the reign, year, term, or other period; to assist those who might wish to search by the date; and each Record contained, should be marked on the left hand *outer* corner with the letters of the class, (3) and subdivision, and its *own* number: that if misplaced, it may be readily reinstated; that the reference to it may be as short as possible; and that it may be found without drawing out all the similar Records

(1) Common ink contains, at least, six elementary substances, so precariously combined, that a small quantity of one of them bestows the blackness, which a little more oxygen totally destroys. Sepia, used by the ancients (Persius, 3 sat.) or some of the combinations of oils, gums, and lamp-black, recommended in chemical books, would form more permanent ink; the basis being carbon, which defies every thing but fire. Their price, however, and the difficulty of keeping them fluid in this climate will prevent their adoption; unless for numbers, labels, and short entries, much exposed to air and rubbing, in which they might be used advantageously, with the reed-pens employed in drawing, to make the writing massy. In the First Report on Public Records in England (p. 496. to p. 502.) the Sub-Commissioners to whom it was referred, appear almost unanimous in their disapprobation of the form of Rolls: and Mr. Astle states, as an instance of the superior durability resulting from the form above recommended, that the Domesday Books, which are above seven hundred years old, are still in admirable preservation.

(2) As there may be near 500 combinations of two letters each, for subdivisions, each containing any number of Records short of 10,000. The combinations may be doubled or trebled, by making both letters capitals, or both small, &c.

(3) *e.g.*—A. b. 21. If one kind of Records require a disproportionate quantity of presses or partitions; each may then contain such a period as will best equalize the portions, and should be marked with the dates and a capital, forming, if possible, part of the general alphabetic series of the repertory. For this purpose the other classes should be first lettered, that the surplus letters might be successively allotted to such an accumulating series of one description.

Records of a term or year (and thus rubbing or tearing them) to find the parties, or attornies, names at opposite corners. This arrangement obviously admits of more concise reference than any distribution confined to reigns, years, or terms; which must be very disproportionate and irregular. The mode of citing ancient Rolls, by the reign, year, membrane, part, side, and number (4), is singularly prolix and inconvenient; and some bearing several repugnant numbers, others none at all, no sufficient objection appears against reducing them all to the general plan here recommended.

CAUSE BOOKS, AND PERSONAL RECORDS.

II. The Records being arranged and marked, the next enquiry is, how to facilitate searches for them. As they must relate to *Persons*, or *Things*, which last are usually connected with some *Place*, they are divisible into *personal* and *local*. The former include the great mass of Law Pleadings. To the ordinary proceedings of Courts of Justice, there is, in general, no guide but the books of Orders, Pleadings, &c. which, like a merchant's day-book, merely contain the miscellaneous transactions of each day, without any further Index than one of the titles of Causes, composed at the end of the term or year, and occupying the concluding pages of the volume. This suffices tolerably, while the proceedings are fresh in the recollection of the parties; but afterwards searches become tedious and perplexing, for want of any Index incorporating all these occasional ones, and referring to a Ledger made from them, so as to exhibit all the proceedings in each particular Cause in one view (5). It would conduce to this end, if, for want of a Plea Roll, the parties were obliged to endorse on the Declaration in each Cause a short entry of each successive proceeding, and its date; which would obviate many vexatious motions turning on disputed facts and dates.

2. The Bill-books in Equity aim at uniting the Day-book and Ledger: There is a Book for each year, in which is entered, in succession as it comes in, every Bill and Answer, under the principal Plaintiff's name, with the names of all the Parties, the Attornies, and even the subscribing Counsel, and in Chancery the six Clerks. Space proportioned to the probable exigency is then left, for adding the dates of the several amendments, replications and rejoinders, and the names of further Parties, Attornies, &c.; and an Index, not strictly in dictionary order, of Plaintiffs' names, divided by terms, is subjoined in the same volume. But the nominal Defendants being often the principal and most conspicuous parties, a general alphabetical Index of all Parties named in the title of each Cause, is still wanting; containing, some brief mention of the place to which it relates, and the principal scope of the Bill, such as Account, Injunction, Foreclosure, Redemption, Specific execution. These particulars the Plaintiff should be required to subjoin to its title, that they may be transferred to the Bill-book.

None of the above-mentioned Books convey the least idea of the subject of litigation: and perhaps no adequate advantage would result from a more detailed account of the contents of such Records as are merely transitory and personal in their nature, and regard only the transgressions and moveable property of individuals. But the Judgments and Decrees which may affect Lands, require more attention, and perhaps ought all to be registered in a General Reference Office, to save a multiplicity of searches.

REPERTORIES, AND LOCAL RECORDS.

III. Records relating not merely to *Persons*, but *Places*, including every variety of permanent property, involve considerable complexity, and will therefore occupy the remainder of this Report.

To avoid the trouble of seeking and perusing whole Records upon every search, a numerical Inventory and Abstract of them in regular order should be made for each Press and Compartment, or for the whole Repository; containing the names and descriptions of the Parties in each Record, the denominations, boundaries and quantities of Lands and Premises, the County, Barony, and Parish, the consideration, fine or rent, the term granted, the nature and date of the instrument, the names of the subscribing witnesses, and the substance of all unusual trusts or covenants; in a Charter, Grant, or Patent, the principal franchises, rights, or immunities conveyed; in a Will, the principal devises and bequests, especially for public or charitable uses; in a Settlement, or other Trust Deed, the uses, trusts, charges, powers and conditions; in any Judgment, Statute, or Recognizance, the sum, and the day of its entry or acknowledgement; and in any Pleading or Decree affecting Lands, the relief or remedy sought or obtained. Now that houses in towns are numbered, and miles in the country measured, the side of the street, square, &c. and number of the town-house, should be in the Memorial or Abstract; and the distance, N. E. S. or West, from the next market or post town, would designate premises in the country more accurately and obviously, than Baronies, or

(4) *e. g.*—Rotul. Ann. 32 Hen. 3. Pars 2. membran. 15. numer. 25. Dorso.—When several skins form one Record, each skin should be numbered as part of the general numerical series; unless the Record compose a complete volume, in which case it may be paged, and have a particular Index, or Table of Contents, as most expedient.

(5) Such a Ledger might be conveniently divided into, a column for the names of parties and attornies, divided by short lines; secondly, a space for the successive proceedings; and thirdly, a column for the date, the year being expressed by three figures only, the term by the initial, and the month by the initial and next consonant or last letter. In Chancery, the first column may contain the parties named in the title of the Cause, followed by their six clerks and solicitors; the next space, the scope of the bill and site of the lands, with the successive proceedings; and another column, the dates of the several amendments, revivors, answers, &c.—See Appendix, N°s IV. & V.

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or Parishes, the limits of which are mutable, and only known in the vicinity; there being no annual perambulations here, as in England. If no Record were to be received in the proper Office without an annexed Abstract of such essential particulars, nothing would be wanting but to copy these Abstracts successively in fit columns into a book, with the letters and numbers, to complete the Repertory

2. In Lodge's Books, the ruling is so often entirely crossed by the writing, as to seem more for show than use; some of his five columns are superfluous, and four of them are often left totally vacant for whole pages, while the remaining one contains nothing but a bead-roll of insignificant sub-denominations, mostly Irish, and multiplied by *alias* mis-spellings; whereas these uncouth lists might have been rendered sufficiently conspicuous by including them between square [ ] brackets (*).

The Registry Acts seem to require that these Townships, often not containing a single cabin, should all be alphabetically distributed in the Index; which is exacting more than can be well accomplished: accordingly, when a Memorial contains many of them, which would consume infinite time to interweave in the General Index, and swell it immeasurably, the Clerks usually content themselves with referring to the Memorial only under some of them, at random; and if these, on account of their obscurity, or their very uncertain orthography, happen not to be known or recognized by the Searcher, he may have no remaining clue to the lands. This would be remedied, by requiring that the affidavit accompanying the Memorial, should specify which of the denominations, not exceeding three in number, are most notorious; and these should be inserted in the Index.

3. As to the form and distribution of the Repertories, elephant folio, though somewhat unwieldy, allows massy writing, and *is* most secure against being occasionally removed for fraudulent purposes. It is accordingly adopted in the Registry Office, and the leaves are parchment; this, though durable, rather repels than attracts ink, being seldom completely purged from grease; hence innumerable entries there are already effaced, especially near the margin. It would be better, and even cheaper, to have several copies on strong medium or elephant paper; one of which, remaining in the private custody of the Officer, would serve as a check, and also to replace any entry obliterated by use, accident or design. If each volume of the Repertory contained exactly as many Abstracts as a corresponding subdivision of the Repository contained Originals, which is practicable in the Registry Office, the same letters and numerals might refer to both; but still the Repertories should also be paged, for easy reference, and as a collateral check; and their backs should be marked with the letters characteristic of their respective classes and subdivisions, as well as with the denominations of Records abstracted in them respectively, whether classified by quality, time, or place.

4. A column next the outer margin might contain the place and persons, or there may be a separate column for the latter; the same column or columns should include a short indication of the subject-matter, and nature of the instrument; and a narrow interior column would hold the year, the letters of the class, and subdivision, and the number of the Record; a complete abstract of which would occupy the remainder of the page. The nature of the instrument can in general be sufficiently designated by the initials and last letters of Assignment, Bill, Charter, Decree, Ejectment, Fine, Grant, &c. an explanatory table of which might be prefixed to the Volume, or posted in view. If there be a book for each County, it may be subdivided into portions for the Baronies, marked by a running title at the top of the page; and then the only description requisite for the outer column, would be for the Township or sub-denomination of the land, and the Parish or next Town, with a letter and figure for the bearing and distance. If there be but one book for every County, that column must also

(*) Yet it may perhaps be advisable to endeavour to reduce the Records in the Rolls Office and Birmingham Tower to Mr. Lodge's arrangement, rather than totally abandon the benefit of his meritorious exertions during forty years, in abstracting ancient Records: many of which are since so defaced and mutilated, that it might now be impossible to abstract their contents at all. He, too, seems to have availed himself of former Repertories; and it is probably owing to an old Repertory of the Records of his Office being mislaid in the Parliament Office, where it has recently been discovered, that many important Records, therein enumerated, are omitted in his work. His object, however, appears to have been rather to indicate and abstract the principal grants, charters, patents, deeds, &c. than to form a complete catalogue of them all; which was so far from his intention, that he wholly omits the chief mass of Records in his custody, viz. statutes (private as well as public) inquisitions, equity pleadings, depositions, and decrees. His Index seems calculated rather for his own use than for public inspection: consisting, first, of an alphabetical column of names of counties or towns, followed by a distinct column for each reign; and the mere number of the page of the Repertory of Records of that reign, where the person or place is mentioned. So that while several columns are left nearly blank, others are crowded, sometimes with several hundred numbers attached to a single word; all which references must perhaps be successively examined for what is sought, there being no leading indications of the specific nature of the entries referred to. Besides such an alphabet of *names*, and another of *places*, his Index contains another of *things*; in which (under the running titles of manors, abbies, rectories, tithes, glebes, islands, loughs, rivers, &c.) there is a leading column of counties and towns, followed by like columns of reference to the pages of Repertories of successive reigns: so that to look for a manor or vicarage, it may be necessary to try all the references to every one in the whole county during a reign of forty or fifty years. Different, but imperfect plans, superfluous to detail, are pursued in distinct volumes of Mr. Lodge's MSS. containing the most essential matters of record in his custody, relating to Patentee Officers, Fairs, Markets, and the History of Parliament, and Borough Charters.

also contain the name of the County and Barony. Where the parties, townlands, or tates, are too numerous to be distinctly arranged in the exterior column or columns, an *&c.* might apprize the searcher, that more are enumerated in the within Abstract, or the Original. As for sums in general, if written in figures in the Abstract, they would sufficiently catch the eye, without appropriating any columns for them, as they are not primary objects of research.*

INDEXES.

IV. It must depend on the quantity of materials, whether there shall be separate Catalogues of persons, places, counties, or particular classes of Records; or whether all shall be incorporated in a single Index. They should all specify the County, Barony, Year, and kind of Record; its number, class, and subdivision, and the page of the Repertory.

The utmost brevity being indispensable, the three first letters, or the two first and the last letter of each County, Barony and kind of Record, will suffice, as those who search for Lands usually know enough of their site, &c. to judge at once whether those letters can apply. If a County Town of the same name be meant, it may be distinguished by adding a dot or cross to the two letters. As we have no Records prior to the year one thousand, the first figure of the year will be superfluous for near two centuries hence, and should be omitted: all the above particulars may thus be compressed in columns, not exceeding half an inch wide. Christian names may also be sufficiently expressed by their familiar abbreviations, or three first letters. In general, it seems convenient to have one Index for *Places*, another for *Persons*. In the annexed Specimen of the former,† the first column contains the chief denominations of the Lands, the second the Parish, or next Town, with a letter for the bearing, and a number for the computed distance; the third, fourth and fifth, the letters for the Barony, County, and kind of Record. Then follow the Parties names, and a short note of the nature and description of the Premises: and lastly, four narrow columns include successively the year, or reign, the letters of the class and subdivision, the page of the Repertory, and the number of the Record and its Abstract. If the Premises lie in a City or Town, the first column contains the name of the street, square, &c. a letter for the side of it, and the number of the house; and the second column, the Parish.

OF PLACES OR PREMISES.

2.—In the Personal Index, the parties may occupy the two first columns, and the denomination and parish or next town take their place, and the rest may agree; but it will be probably better to have a general Vocabulary on a plan analogous to a numerical book, so as to comprehend all secondary parties, tates, or townships, or both; as at present there are no Calendars of the names of the grantees, devisees, or defendants, except for judgments, and no complete one of sub-denominations.

OF PERSONS, OR GENERAL NOMENCLATURE.

To avoid wasting time and space by double references, this universal Index should comprise just as many circumstances, and no more, as would suffice to contra-distinguish every other title from that which is sought. In the specimen, (Appendix No. III. p. 33) the surnames, townships, streets, &c. are not only digested in one alphabet, in the second column; but numbered *seriatim*, in the first for mutual reference. By the aid of the cross lines, the eye will readily catch the decimals without their being iterated. Thus, if the column begin 100,3 under the second cross line, means 123. In the third column, the first figure of the year is omitted; a point in its place may stand for Michaelmas Term, a point after the figure for Hilary; a point over them for Easter. The fourth column, if the title be secondary, contains three letters of the Barony or Parish, (the latter being distinguished by a dot); if the title be primary, those letters signify the County, or (with a dot) the County Town. For primary titles, the fifth and sixth columns indicate the page of the Repertory, and its characteristic letters of class, and subdivision; for secondary titles, those columns refer to the page, and number of this Index, where the primary titles lie. A dot in the fifth column directs the search, to the lower half of the page referred to; which may have a marginal dot in the centre, for more precision. If the Records are properly classed, the letters in the sixth column will sufficiently intimate the general nature of the Record; if they are not, another column for that purpose may be subjoined. The above plan may be repeated twice or thrice in the breadth of an elephant folio page, and each division should contain an equal and even number of articles. (7)

3.—When it is considered how much of the History of Property and Pedigrees, equity proceedings may illustrate, and that the mere pendency of them has been deemed notice to all the world; it seems unaccountable

* See Appendix, No. I. page 31, *infra*. † See Appendix, No. II. p. 32.

(7) The quickest way to make the Indexes will be to copy, on one side of narrow slips of stiff paper, the outer columns of the Repertory; then separate the component articles of those slips with scissars without separating the columns, and sort them into a box, alphabetically partitioned, until reduced by successive sortings and shuffling, into dictionary order. In this arrangement they may be strung together, and copied in fit columns in the Local Index, and there remains only to sort them anew, by the parties names, &c. to prepare the Personal Index, or General Nomenclature. This is manifestly easier than the mode adopted in the Registry Office, where a laborious computation was made of the probable recurrence of each name, and numerous volumes opened (with intervals between the names proportioned to their supposed frequency) which it became necessary to transcribe repeatedly, to approximate exact arrangement.

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unaccountable that no Repertory or Index of their principal Contents exists. It is manifest that it cannot be incorporated with the Bill Books without prolixity and confusion; and therefore the best way of accomplishing it seems to be, that the person filing a Bill relating to Lands, Premises, or incorporeal Hereditaments, should, on the same day, lodge in the General Registry Office an Abstract of the nature and prayer of the Bill so far as it relates to them, with the Parties names and the several capacities in which they are brought before the Court, and should afterwards register the Amendments. If this however should seem too troublesome with respect to the *Pleadings*, there will probably be less doubt that the substance of the *Final Decree* should be registered.

4.—Indexes of Ejectments, Fines and Recoveries, might be rendered much more simple and satisfactory, if the troublesome Fictions respecting them were abolished. Important as these latter Conveyances are, there is no Index to them but County Books, wherein all the Names of Persons levying or suffering them, for a long period of years, are arranged, no further alphabetically than under their Initials, by Years and Terms, opposite to Columns of Premises; the whole written in cramp Court Hand; and even of these Books the series is incomplete, and many Fines and Recoveries omitted. In the Prerogative Office the Transcript Books of Wills are also sometimes mutilated, and one strictly alphabetical Catalogue of them all is requisite, in which should be distinguished such as there are only Transcripts of, and such as have no Transcripts, though the Originals are preserved.

It will be readily conceived, that besides all the above proposed Books being conspicuously lettered, &c on the back, they should all be paged, and have Running Titles of the principal Class of Records in each Repertory and its characteristic Letters, and of each County, City or Barony, in the Index, with the three first Letters of the first and last Titles in each page. Black Letter and Roman Type would be useful in marking Divisions and Subdivisions; and it would not only save time in searches, but save the Indexes themselves, if the outside edge of the pages of each Alphabetical Division of a volume were coloured differently, and the Letter marked either on a parchment label or in a niche, so that the Division might be found without tossing over the leaves. Each Index might also be fastened to a small desk contiguous to the particular Records connected with it, so that the first difficulty may not be to find the Index.

Of Chief Things.

5.—Besides the above-mentioned Catalogues, which may suffice for all ordinary affairs, it would conduce to many historical and public purposes that there should be a *Digest* of Remarkable *Things* under general heads, such as Advowsons, Boroughs, Commons, Fairs, Fisheries, Franchises, &c. and that not merely for each Office, but for all. Such a work presupposes a tolerably complete Arrangement of the several Offices and their Catalogues; and, even then, would demand much industry, judgment, and erudition. The Index to the last edition of the Irish Commons' Journals, and the Indexes to the Parliamentary Records, in general, were very properly contrived to exhibit their Contents rather in such general masses, than to direct individuals in searches for Property; and, being the result of great care and expense, seem proper models for re-arranging those Records.

With extreme diffidence we have risked this long detail, which must be tedious or even unintelligible to those who are not accustomed to Searches among Records. Upon so copious and extensive a subject, many further topics for investigation must undoubtedly remain; and we may have been betrayed into hasty and erroneous speculations, for want of adequate time and more extensive experience.

All such mistakes will eventually be rectified in the progress of the Record Commission: and we shall therefore conclude this imperfect sketch, with Plans illustrative of the proposed forms of the Repertory and Indexes; in which the Board will please to observe, that we have aimed at the simplest construction, as most likely to be permanently pursued and universally understood.

Dublin, 23d July 1811.

Wm. Ball,	Sub.-Com. Statutes.
Edward Lawson,	Sub.-Com. Statutes.
Wm. Betham,	Sub.-Com. Birm. Tower.
James Rafferty,	Sub.-Com. Parl. Rec. Office.
Richard Nash,	Sub.-Com. Roll's Office.
Wm. Nash,	Sub.-Com. Chief Rem. Office.
Henry Harding,	Sub.-Com. Aud.-Gen. Office.
J. Fowler,	Sub.-Com. Aud.-Gen. Office.
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Appendix, No. I. Repertory.

PLACE.	PARTIES.	REFERENCES.	ABSTRACT OF RECORD, RULE, &c.
DUBLIN Newcastle B Tristledermot House & 33 A	Rex, to Bodenham, T Par^{n}.	20 E 2 327 Ab 975	Pardon of alienation to Thomas de Bodenham, for purchasing without licence from William de Hatfield, Clerk, in Crumlin and Tristledermot, a house and 33 acres; with a grant to said Bodenham to hold same in *capite* of the Crown to him and his heirs, by the usual and accustomed services, Newcastle B^{y}, Dublin C^{o}.
WEXFORD Forth B Katfield, &c.	Rex, to Davis, Wm Grant.	11 E 3 337 *Ab* 99	Grant to William le Davis, of three plough lands and 45 acres called Katfield; and the townlands of [Ardmore, Baltiboys, Clonakilty, Mulladoe, *alias* Mulladuff, *alias* Blackhill, and the half tate of Ballinadrum] Forth B^{y}, Wexford C^{o}.
DUBLIN Ringsend 1 E Tritonville	Cranfield Rd to Jones, Jn Lease.	800 Or 9	Lease Rd, Cranfield to John Jones, three acres at Tritonville, 1 m. E. of Ringsend, Dublin C^{o}, bounded by for three lives, or 31 years, at £.35. a year, with clauses of surrender every three years, liberty to dig gravel on the beach, &c.
CARLOW T. 2 S Ballybetagh	Reynolds, J^{n} Lacy, Wm Ejectm^{t}.	M 786 Ou 55	Ejectment on the title of Ballybetagh, 2 m. S. of Carlow T. John Reynolds against William Lacy, judgment by default.
KILDARE Lyons &c Public donations	Hoey, Jane to Hoey Ge Morgan Rth. Pat.ick's Lib. & Meath Hosp^{l} Will.	7 June 804 Os 760	Will of Jane Hoey, devising all her real estates of Lyons &c. in Kildare County, to George Hoey &c. in tail male, remainder to the issue of Ralph Morgan, £.1,000. to Patrick's Library, and £.500. to Meath Hospital, Dublin.
MAYO Tyrawley B Garretstown &c Rathgar &c	Eliz^{h} Countess of F agst Lewis E^{l} of F. &c Bill.	H 805 Ot 9781 T 806	Bill in Chancery, Eliz^{h} Countess of F only daughter of by James Keir, her next friend, against Lewis Earl of F for specific performance of the covenants in her marriage settlement, and that recoveries may be suffered of (Garretstown, Rathgar, Lisnakea, Rinananagh, and one moiety of Coranure, *alias* Coranue) Tyrawly B^{y}, Mayo C^{o}, Plts. A.B. &c. Defts. C. D. &c. Amended 9 June 1806.
CLARE Tubbernea Knockbuy &c.	Moore, Luke agst I J & K Spread, Decree.	806 Pl 4976	Decree in Exchequer to foreclose a mortgage of Tubbernea, Knockbuy, Slicubawn, &c. Clare C^{o}, made by John Spread to George Rice, 3d May 1803, for £.5,000. Luke Moore, assignee of George Rice, against I. J. and K. Spread, representatives of John Spread. Bill filed 1st June 1804. Absolute decree enrolled 15 July 1806.
DUBLIN T Andrews P Dame-st. N. 45	Stiles, P^{r} to Cole Joh Ass^{t}.	764 Om 8976	Assignment of 25 Dame-st. N. in Andrews P. Dublin, for residue of 29 years from 1764, Peter Stiles to Joseph Cole for £.200. Covenants to repair and indemnify.
TIPPERARY Glencullen &c	Sharp, Luke Spendall, Mar Amo. Man.	809 D^{o} 3405	Amoveas manus, Luke Sharp custodee of Glencullen and Dunsandal in Tipperary C^{o}, against Martin Spendall, 2 May 1809.

Explanation:—The three ruled columns are to be always next the outside margin. In the first column, T following the first word, shews that it means a Town or City, and not merely the County of the same name. B, after the second word, stands for Barony, and P for Parish. In the third and fourth articles, the distance of the denominations from the next Town is marked, which may be read Tritonville, 1 mile East of Ringsend, Dublin C^{o}; and Ballybetagh, 2 miles South of Carlow Town. In the last article but one, Dublin T means the City of Dublin, and N 45 means, North side, N° 45. In the second column, Christian names are generally expressed by the initial and final letters, or some other abbreviation, and so are the kind of Records, as Pardon, Grant, Lease, Ejectment, Judgment, Will, Bill, Decree, Assignment. &c. The third column contains the year of the reign, or of our Lord, omitting the first figure of the latter, as exemplified in the first article. The Roman letters are for the class and sub-division; and the following number is that of the original Record. Days and months need not, in general, be noticed in this column; but in entries of forensic proceedings, terms may be concisely marked by their initials, H. E. T. or M. as in the fourth and sixth articles.

Widely dissimilar Records appear abstracted above, to shew that the plan will embrace them all; but in practice, all the Records in any Repertory would generally be of the same kind, class, and subdivision; so that instead of all the characteristic letters or contractions for those distinctions, two Roman letters a-top of the page would suffice, and the year and number might be placed in the two first columns. Neither is it necessary, that the same words which are in those columns should appear in the abstract.

Appendix (C.) Report of Sub-Comm^rs on Plans for Indexing Records.

Appendix, No. II. Local Index.

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Townships, Streets, &c.	Parish, or next T^n.	Barony.	County.	Record.	Parties, Description, and Observations.	Year.	Class.	Page.	N°.
A									
Aghabour	Ballymee	Bal	Ros	Lea	Lewis Lyons to Joshua Davis the Grange & 29 A, at £.60 a year - - - - - - - -	1769	Ou	345	2698
Archerstown	Ossory, 1 S	Oss	Que	Mor	John Barrington to Ezechiel Wybrants, 64 A. in fee for £.1,000. - - - - - - - -	1780	Ar	469	9745
B									
Ballylee	Galway, 5 N	Gal	Gal	Gra	James Burke to Walter Symonds, the manor and turbary - - - - - - - - - -	1607	Ix	123	431
Bodeen	Clonard	Cre	Mea	Ass	Walter Vincent to Andrew Cross, the Orchard and Farm, 35 A. - - - - - - - - -	1779	Do	550	6699
Boylebrack	Aghaboe	Mor	Tyr	Eje	Roger Simpson against Eustace Delille, for rent -	1699	Op	369	5431
C									
Castlefield	Monkstown	Rut	Dub	Wil	Alexander Peebles to Philip Dawson, said lands in tail-male - - - - - - - - -	1710	Uo	450	7698
Clonskeagh	Taney	U. Cr	Dub	Rel	James Dowse to Garret Moore, Iron Mill, see Be 294	1798	Ba	379	2112
Cork-street S.9	St. Luke	U.Cr	Dub	Eje	Robert Goodtitle against Casual Ejector, on the title, Judgment - - - - - - - -	1801	Co	603	3478
Corglasse	Carrygullen	Car	Lei	Fin	Thomas Conolly to Miles Heffernan, 250 Acres, &c.	1800	Rs	420	6409
Crumlin	Crumlin	N.Ca	Dub	Mor	Peter Purcell to Ignatius Cusack, 24 Acres and his Castle - - - - - - - - - -	1741	Xy	512	236
				B & S	Ignatius Cusack to Teresa Keogh, Bargain and Sale in fee - - - - - - - - -	1745	Lo	220	346
				Dec	Andrew Keogh against Peter Purcell, Foreclosure -	1770	No	363	5020
Cursis-stream	Lucan, S. E 2	N.Ca	Dub	F & R	Patrick Kavanagh to Darby Gallagher, Fine and Recovery of Slate Quarry, &c. - - - -	1804	An	440	8090

Appendix, No. III. General Index, or Nomenclature.

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	Parties, Townships, &c.	Year.	C° or B'.	Page	N°		Parties, Townships, &c.	Year.	C° or B'.	Page.	N°		Parties, Townships, &c.	Year.	C° or B'.	Page.	N°
							V.										
1	Toomavara,	1641	Tyr	19	41	21	Vaughan, Joh	1810	Sli	12	Ad	41	Walker, Hen	1810	Bal	66	31
2	Toomy, Tho	753	Wic	540	Uc	2	Verner, Tho	641	Dow	320	75	2	—— Lew	645	Car.	411	Do
3	Tremont	810	New	65	34	3	Verschoyle, Jam	354	Tip	509	21	3	—— Mar	803	Mos	96	99
4	Trevor, Art	769	Dow	430	Oo	4	Vickers, Mic	740	Wat	11	Un	4	—— Oli	567	Mag	240	16
5	Tullidocy,	783	Sli	210	53	5	Vickers, Nat	791	Lei	240	Os	5	—— Ric	704	Duf	122	77
6	Tunnadine, Joh	695	Nen	111	71	6	Vidouze, Pet	810	Don	74	100	6	—— Rob	800	Dub.	341.	On
7	Turner, Wil	802	Orm	356	86	27	Vierpyle, Zac	693	Lou	349	85	7	—— Wil	809	Cor	135	15
8	—— Vin	736	Ath	521	9	8	Vigne, Sim	799	Kil	501	99	8	—— ——	410	Cas	47	54
9	Turnbull, And	684	Wex	431	Dn	9	—— Tho	797	Car	20	Ro	9	Walworth	790	Lou	450.	Uo
10	Turpin, Pat	580	Ros	512	18	30	Vipon, Eli.	809	Cla	604	35	30	Warrington	735	Fin	60	70
1	Twigg, Phi	749	Lon	9	99	1	Vizer, Edm	804	Gal	69	77	1	Warren, Lau	806	Wic	214.	Do
2	—— Ric	809	Mea	45	Br	2	—— Edw	699	Mea	150	63	2	—— Leo	741	Rdn	431	26
3	—— ——	803	Don	601	50	3	W.					3	—— Mil	474	Dar	324	45
4	—— ——	804	Lim	11	75	4	Wade, Art	701	Clg	496	99	4	Watson, Ant	808	Arm.	356.	Gy
5	Twist, Jos	659	Ant	390	Po	5	—— Bar	634	Mur	17	22	5	Wheatfield	704	Dun	409	64
6	Tyndall, Pet	719	Bur	543	80	6	—— Cha	588	Clo	36	15	6	White, Phi	777	Mul	10	21
7	—— Sam	390	Fer	55	150	7	—— Joh	800	N.Cr	496	46	7	Woodlawn	806	Rat	496	51
8	Tynagh	803	Gal	602	In	8	—— Joh	801	N.Cs	10	76	8	Woodville,	790	Ori	496	49
9	Tynan, Zac	764	Ker	15	Up	9	—— Joh	803	Dub.	354	Bo	9	Woods, Qui	805	Mon	231	Bo
20	Tyrrel, Vin	460	Cor	333	11	40	—— Geo	701	Tur	98	45	60	Wright, Jer	799	Mon.	342.	Op

Explanation:—IN the above Index, if the Title sought happen to be a sub-denomination; *(e. g. Woodville)* and the letters characterizing the Barony *(Oriel)* concur with the object of inquiry; the numbers in the two last columns direct to the page of this Index (496) and to the numerical article (49, *Walworth)* which forms the leading title; there *Lou* stands for the County Louth, and is followed by the page, and characteristic letters of the Repertory; and the dot • directs to the lower half of that page of the Repertory for some entry entitled *Walworth*, and relating also to *Woodville*, in the Barony of *Oriel* and County of Louth, bearing date in Trinity Term 1790.

If the Article sought be a single chief-denomination *(suppose Woodlawn)* having no sub-denominations depending on it, it may conveniently refer us before to the principal *Person* concerned *(e. g. 51 Laurence Warren)*. If the search be for a secondary party *(as 37 John Wade)*; finding opposite his name a dot . for Michaelmas Term, the year (1800) and letters which may correspond with his Barony (of *Nether Cross)* look to title 46 in the page (496) where you find *Robert Walker, Dublin City*; and are referred to the lower half page of the Repertory for the article relating to him and *John Wade*. The following letters for the class, &c. also intimate what kind of Record it is: so that this concise Index shows the Denomination, Barony, or Parish, County, or County Town, Year and Term, the parties surname, and christian name, the general nature of the Record, and in what part of the page of the Repertory it will be found abstracted. After the letters for a christian name, a period implies a female, as in N° 30. Vipon, Eli. means Elizabeth and not Elias.

If the use made of points, and abbreviations, in this Nomenclature, appear excessive, let it be remembered that it is here intended to exhibit the most concise *possible* form; and by no means to prevent the substitution of any obvious marks, or the employment of more figures, or letters, for the Year, Christian Name, County, or Barony. The fourth column appears uncouth only because it includes obscure Baronies. If (as in most Record Indexes) the Counties only were inserted, the three first letters of each would be intuitively understood; and, even, in the above Index, enough is intelligible at first glance, without the dots, or contractions, which are chiefly for the purpose of affording more precise information to the Officer.

If there be but one volume of the Repertory, it is plain that one of the two letters in the sixth column will suffice to mark it. If no Repertory have been made, the letters in *that* column will designate the press and shelf where the Record lies; and the number of that Record will be expressed in the fifth column instead of the page.

Appendix, No. IV. Law Ledger.

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Parties and Attornies.	PROCEEDINGS.	DATES.
Blake, Phi.	Assumpsit, bill of exchange and money counts,	1799
v		
Rice, Gre	Non Assumpsit and limitation pleaded,	F. 13
Cruise, Tho	Rule for Arbitration,	Ap 13
Keen, And	—— liberty to proceed, compromise being off,	M^{y} 15
	Trial postponed on motion,	Jun 20
	Venire returned July 2, Record lodged July 4,	Jul 2-4
	Verdict for Pltf. £. 200. - - - and 6d. costs,	Jul 6
		1800
Burke, Joh	Replevin for a mare and five cows,	M^{y} 10
v		
Savage, Jam	Avowry damage feasant,	16
Gripe, Geo	Plea fences out of repair,	Jun 9
Pounce, Pet	Replicn. June 12 - - - Clause of view, 14.	12-14
Sharp, Sam	Verdict for Deft. July 16, and Return. Habend.	Jul 16

Explanation: The v separates the Plaintiff from the Defendant; and the short horizontal stroke —— separates both from their Attornies.

Appendix, No. V. Chancery Cause-Book.

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PARTIES.	Six Clerks and Solicitors.	PROCEEDINGS.	DATES.
Cane, Ric	Woods	Bill for specific execution of a lease for 99 years	1802
—— Tho	Griffin, Rob	of Dowdston near Ardee, Louth C^{o},	M^{y} 16
—— Urs		Wil Duke, prayed time to answer till July 1.	Jun 10
v			
Duke, Wil	Brenan	——— answer,	Jul 3
Murphy, Pet	Quirk, Pau	Answer referred for scandal, &c.	— 11
&c.		Further answer,	— 20
		Bill amended by adding as Deft. Joh Jones,	Aug 3
Jones, Joh	Spunner	Dedimus for his answer,	20
	Rook, Ric	Bill revived against Mary Duke,	N. 8
Duke, Mary	Mills	Answer - - - - Mar 3.	1803
	Sharp, Nat	——— excepted to,	Mar. 21
		Exceptions over-ruled,	19
		Replication to all Defts,	M^{y} 30
		Rejoinder,	

Explanation:—The Solicitors are distinguished from the Six Clerks, by adding their Christian names, and both are placed immediately opposite their respective Clients.

SUPPLEMENT.

GENERAL CONTENTS:

I. THE COMMISSIONERS' Supplemental Report.

II. The Report of Observations, by Sub-Commissioners and Secretary.

III. The Returns from Officers and Keepers of Record Repositories, with a List of them prefixed; and containing

1. *Extracts from Ancient Records.*
2. *Fac Similes of* - - *Do.*

IV. Alphabetical Index to the Returns under the present Commission.

V. The Secretary's First General Report on the Public Records of Ireland, with an Appendix of QUERIES transmitted to Officers.

VI. The Secretary's Second General Report on the Public Records of Ireland; with Two Appendixes,—

1. *Tabular Digest of Returns.*
2. *Returns made to the Irish House of Commons, in the years* 1723, *and* 1791, *respecting the Public Records.*

VII. The Report of the Committee of Observation, &c. on Buildings; to which are annexed

Plans, &c. of the Four Courts and Public Law Offices, the Record Tower, and the intended Registry, &c. at the King's Inns.

I.

The Commissioners' Supplemental Report.

TO HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS GEORGE PRINCE OF WALES,
REGENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND,
IN COUNCIL.

WE, the Commissioners constituted and appointed by His Majesty's Royal Commission, bearing date the 30th day of August 1810, for carrying into execution the Measures recommended in the humble Address of the House of Commons to His Majesty, with respect to the State of the Public Records of *Ireland*, and the necessity of *providing* for the better arrangement, preservation, and more convenient use of the same; whereby, We, the said Commissioners, are authorized and empowered to nominate and appoint from time to time, Persons of ability, care and diligence, to act as Secretary, and Sub-Commissioners, to be employed in methodizing, regulating and digesting the Records, Rolls, Instruments, Books and Papers, in His Majesty's several Offices: and in causing such of the said Records as are decayed, and in danger of being destroyed, to be bound and secured; and in making exact Calendars and Indexes thereof; and in superintending the printing of such Calendars and Indexes, and original Records and Papers as should be ordered to be printed; and to certify unto the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury for the time being, what would be a fit and suitable recompence to such Secretary and Sub-Commissioners respectively, for their pains and services in the execution of the duties required to be by them performed: And We the said Commissioners, or any three or more of us, are further required, on or before the 25th day of March in every year during the continuance of the said Commission, to certify to His Majesty's Privy Council, in the manner therein directed, all and every of the several Proceedings of Ourselves and the said Sub-Commissioners had by virtue of the said Commission; together with such other Matters, if any, as might be deserving His Majesty's Royal Consideration, touching or concerning the premises;—

Do most humbly beg leave to certify to Your Royal Highness, That We have proceeded in the further execution of the several Works stated in our last Report to Your Royal Highness in Your Privy Council, and have completed the arrangement of the several Documents mentioned in our said last Report to Your Royal Highness, and intended to be an Appendix thereto.

And We, accordingly, beg leave most humbly to lay before Your Royal Highness the following Matters, as an Appendix or Supplement to our said Second Annual Report on the Public Records of *Ireland*.

And We further beg leave, most humbly, to state to Your Royal Highness, that at the present time, We have not any other matters to offer for Your Royal Highness's consideration, touching or concerning the premises, or any further matter to propose thereupon.

All which is most humbly submitted to

Your Royal Highness's Consideration.

Dublin,
the 16th July 1812.

MANNERS, C. (L. S.)
WILLIAM DOWNES. (L. S.)
PATRICK DUIGENAN. (L. S.)

II.

Report of Observations, by Sub-Commissioners and Secretary.

To His Majesty's Commissioners on the Public Records of Ireland.

II. Report of Observations, &c.

WE, the Sub-Commissioners and Secretary to This Honourable Board, who, by an Order dated 30th January 1812, were directed to prepare a Draft of the Annual Report, and Appendixes, from The Board to His ROYAL HIGHNESS The PRINCE REGENT, and to consolidate the whole of the Returns delivered in to The Board, arranging them according to the order set forth in the List of Record Repositories, and to frame the whole after the manner of the Report of the Select Committee of the House of Commons of *England*, in the year 1800; and also to form an ANALYSIS, and ALPHABETICAL INDEX, to the said RETURNS, agreeably to the said Report of the said Select Committee; and, to have prepared, under our inspection, **Fac Similes** of some of the most ancient and valuable *Irish* Records, for the purpose of being annexed to said Annual Report;—beg leave to state to This honourable Board, That we, having, pursuant to the above Order, prepared a Draft of the said Annual Report, which was laid before The Board on the 16th of March last, do now present to Them, a SUPPLEMENT thereto; in which we have consolidated the several Returns delivered in to The Board by the several Keepers of Record Repositories, arranged according to the Order set forth in the List of Record Repositories; and have framed the whole after the manner of the Report of the Select Committee of the *English* House of Commons in the year 1800; preserving the words, and order, in which each Return has been respectively made, unless in some few instances, in which, to avoid repetition, the Returns of Officers in the same department, and being of the same import, have been consolidated; or where the Custos Rotulorum, or Assistant Barrister, having in his Return but copied or referred to that of the Clerk of the Peace, made it superfluous to insert them both.

To these Returns, so consolidated, we have annexed the Secretary's 1st and 2d General Reports, together with the Documents therein referred to, as they (in addition to their other Contents) observe at length upon the Returns, which had been delivered in to The Board, at the times that each Report respectively bears date. *See* V. & VI. *infra.*

We have also, pursuant to the above Order, framed an Alphabetical Index to all the Returns; in forming which, we have implicitly followed the plan of the Alphabetical Index, annexed to the Report of the Select Committee of the *English* House of Commons; unless, in some instances, referring to a head instead of repeating the matter under it, and adding a few more cross references, may be deemed deviations; which additional references, although they may be more than is necessary for the direction of those who are well acquainted with the subject treated on, may yet, it is hoped, appear calculated to meet the less artificial inquiries of uninformed persons, for whose assistance they are principally intended. *See* IV. *infra.*

The Analytical Index, mentioned in the Order of the 30th January, having been since dispensed with, none such, of course, has been formed. This omission, however, can be but little felt, as the want of it is in a great measure supplied by the Tabular Digest, affixed to the Secretary's Second General Report above-mentioned. *See* VI. *infra.*

We have, lastly, in obedience to the same Order, prepared some **Fac Similes** of Articles selected from amongst our most ancient and valuable Records; which have been all attentively compared with the Originals *, and which we beg leave to submit for the inspection of The Board.

In the selection of these, we have endeavoured to exhibit the different varieties of Hand-writings to be found in the *Irish* Records. And as so many Specimens of the ancient Court-hand writing have been already annexed to the *English* Report, we have given the greater attention to the more modern current hands of the 16th and 17th centuries: a knowledge of these, from their general and extensive adoption, appearing particularly useful; and, from the frequent anomalies and irregularity of their penmanship, the most difficult of any to be attained. As a secondary object, we have, for the most part, selected subjects that are curious † in their nature; and have taken them from Charters, Rolls, and Books of various ages, and which are deposited in different Repositories.

To the Whole, we have annexed the various PLANS, directed by the said Order of 30th January, which have been prepared by Mr. *Johnson*, the Architect and Inspector of Civil Buildings; regretting, that we have not been able to add the Report of the principal Officers of The Four Courts, which has not been yet completed.

* Our transcript of *Magna Charta* varies from the Copy in Lincoln Cathedral, in many and remarkable instances; among the rest, the words "ſr̃is Eimerici magr̃i militie tempt," are changed to "ſr̃is nr̃i Heñr Magr̃i," &c.

† The following words, in the copy of the Charter of *John*, in the **Black Book** of *Christ Church*, are worthy of remark: "Pro hac autem concessione & donatione libertatum istarum & aliarum contentarum in Carta nostra de libertatibus foreste, Archiepiscopi Episcopi Abbates Priores Comites Barones Milites & liberi tenentes et omnes de regno nostro dederunt nobis quintam decimam partem omnium bonorum suorum mobilium," &c.

II. Report of Observations, &c.

HAVING, in discharge of these duties, necessarily paid particular attention to the Contents of the Returns, we hope we shall not be considered to have gone beyond our Instructions, when we presume to submit a few short and general Remarks, suggested by them, and which appear to us not entirely unconnected with the objects of the Commission.

THE first general Observation that impresses itself, is, the great and valuable body of Information contained in this Collection, whether considered in relation to the Property, the Laws, or the History of the Country; information, which has never been hitherto laid before the Public in any shape whatsoever.

These Returns form also an useful document in an official point of view, and may, in time, be beneficially resorted to, for the purpose of checking the contents of public Repositories; and thus prevent the injury and destruction of the Records, or be the means of detecting such abuses, if they should hereafter occur. The present may be said to be the first time, that it was possible to ascertain what Records the public Repositories of *Ireland* contained; for, though the Government and both Houses of the *Irish* Parliament* have in various instances directed

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The following References and Extracts support the statement in the Text:

* Vide Irish Stat. 10 H. 7. c. 15. Vol. i. p. 51.

An ORDER *of State, for safe Custody of the* RECORDS.

James Crofte.

Memorandum. Where we be enformed by the L. C. and Master of the Rolls, that there is no place certain nē convenient for the safeguard of the King's *Majesty's Records* and Munyments of his Highnes's Chancery, of this his Grace's Realm of *Ireland*, other than the Tower within his Majesty's Castle of Dublin, which is both ruinous and far distant from the late Cathedral Church of St. Patrick, where as his Highnes's Courts be now kept, being no place meet for the daily resort of his Majesty's Officers and others his Grace's subjects, having charge, or occasion to have the order, sight, or copies of any of them, as shall appertain, thro which the losses of the said Records and Munyments, besides other inconveniencies, have and may well ensue: And for that, that the late Library of the said late Cathedral Church is a meet and sure place for the safeguard and custody of the said Records and Munyments near unto the said Courts, where as his Majesty's said Officers having charge, and others his Highnes's subjects, upon honest occasion, may from time to time conveniently resort: We order and appoint that the said late Library be the place for the safe keeping of such of the said Records and Munyments as shall be kept out of the said Tower of his Highnes's said Castle of Dublin; and all such of the said Records and Munyments as shall be out of the said Tower, shall be put and safely kept in the said Library. And that you the Clerk of the Hanaper of his Majesty's Chancery for the time being shall provide and foresee that Presses or Stages, Chests, Windows, Doors, Locks and all other necessaries shall be provided, furnished and made, as well in and for the said Library, as the said Tower of the Castle, for the safeguard, sure keeping, and good ordering of the said Records and Munyments from time to time. And this our order with your particular accounts of your disbursements about the same, upon your accounts of the Revenues and Profits coming and growing of his Highnes's said Hanaper, to be made before the Barons of his Grace's Exchequer of this his said Realm, shall be your sufficient warrant and discharge in that behalf. Yeoven at Dublin the 11th of November, the 5th year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord King *Edward* the Sixth.

THOMAS CUSAKE.	EDWARDE MIDENS.
RAPHE BAGENALL.	GERALDE AYLMER, Justice.
T. LUTRELL, Justice.	THOMAS HOWTH, Justice.
P. BARNEWALL, Mr Rotul.	THOMAS LOCKWODE, Dean.
EDWARD BASNET.	JAMES BATH, Baron.

Lodge's List of Patentee Officers, Vol. I. p. 34.

FIANT for Letters Patents appointing Commissioners of Records, &c. in the 36th year of Elizabeth.

4769. Delibat fuit in Canc̄ nr̄a Hibnie sc̄do die Martii 1593 annoq; Regni Regine nr̄e Elizabeth Tricesimo Sexto Ad exequend.

W. Fitz William.

Lett the Quene's Mat^{ie} lr̄es patents be made accordinge to the tenor ensuinge ELIZABETH &c. To our Right trustie and wel-beloved Sir William Weston knight, our Chief iustice of our Court of Comon Plees in our Realme of Ireland, and to Sir Robt Napper knight our Chief Baron of our Eschequer in the said realme, greetinge: Whereas upon a late vicwe and perusell of our Records of our said Co^{rt} of Comon Plees, made by our iustices of that Co^{rt} yt appeareth that manie recordes are wantinge, wch may be preiudicial to manie our lovinge subiects, And understandinge that our said recordes were kept in the privite Custodie of Bartholomewe Talbott late prothonatorie of that Co^{rt}, untill by the advise of Sir William Fitz William knight our Deputie of this our realme, and of our said iustices, the same recordes have ben taken out of the said Talbot's custodie, and placed in safe Custodie in Birmyngham's tower w^{thin} our said Castle of Dublin. And for that wee thinke yt were meete and convenient, that a particular survey and inventorie be made of all the said recordes to prevent imbeaselment hereafter, and that the records subducted, may be found out and placed in the said tower, Knowe yee therefore that wee reposinge especiall confidence in your wisdomes, circumspections, and integreties, and by th'advise of our said Deputie and councell of this our realme have nomynated and authorised and by theise presents doe nomynate, and geve full power and authority to you to inquire and search out, by examynations of anie persons uppon their Corporall oathe and otherwise by your good discrec̄ons, where anie the said recordes so wantinge doe remaine. And after the same or anie of them shalbe found out to take the same into your custody, and to place them in the said tower, amongst other our recordes of our Court of Comon Pleas. Further more we doe require you and also hereby authorize you to make and ingrosse in parchment an inventorie or remembrance in writinge of all the nombers of Rolles and of the bundels and places of the recordes, belonginge to our said Co^{rt} incertinge in your said inventorie the Kinge and Quene's raignes wherein the said recordes were made and recorded: And retorninge into our said Co^{rt} of Comon Plees, this our Comission, and your hoale proceedinges in the execucon thereof there to remaine in perpetuam rei memoriam: Moreover we straightly Chardge and comand all our officers mynisters and lovinge subiects that they be aydinge and assistinge to you in the execuc̄on of this our comission and that they refuse not to obey your direcc̄on by takinge their corporall oathes or in anie other things for the furtherance of this our service upon paine of imprisonment and our high displeasure. In witnesse whereof &c.

Rog' Wilbraham.

f 5 *Tho. Midensis.* *Geff. Fenton.*

The Earl of Strafford, in a dispatch dated March 1635, laments the want of Treasuries for the Records; a full extract from which dispatch is given in the Secretary's First General Report.—Vide Strafford's Letters, vol. i. p. 527. Dub. ed.

directed their attention to the Records of the Country, and have thus repeatedly evinced their opinion of the importance of the subject; yet they appear to have principally confined their exertions to providing Buildings in partial instances, but to have taken no effectual steps towards affording information, or facilitating inquiries into the contents of the Records. And though the House of Commons, in two instances, viz. in 1723 and 1791, called for Returns of a similar nature to those, which have been now delivered in to The Board; yet the statements communicated,

ENROLMENT *of a King's Letter, 24 Charles II, for making Inventories and Inderes to the Public Records, and for lodging Transcripts of them in the Surveyor General's Office.*

Charles R.

Right trusty and well beloved Counsellor we greet you well: Our pleasure is and we do hereby accordingly require and authorize you forthwith, for the better expediting and carrying on of our service, to cause all and every our respective officers and ministers in our High Court of Chancery, Court of Chief Place, Court of Common Pleas, Court of Exchequer, Prerogative Court, Bermyngham's Tower, and in all other Courts of Record Offices and Places in that our Kingdome of Ireland, not only to take an exact Survay or View of all our Records, Books, Papers, Muniments and Writings in their respective Offices, or within their Custody or keeping respectively, and to put them in such an intelligible good order and method, that the same may be easily come by, and carefully to Inventary, Index, and Alphabett the same and the particulars therein, So as wee or such as wee shall employ may from time to time as there shall be occasion, receive a speedy and exact account of any particulars relating to any persons Lands or other things in their respective offices and places; but also that our s[d] respective officers and ministers with all convenient speed do cause fair transcripts to be made of all the said respective Inventorys Indexes and Alphabets with Notes of Reference to the respective Books Rolls Pages and Places where every particular is to be found, and to transmitt the same attested by every respective officer in his proper office into the office of our Surveyor Generall of that Kingdome where the same are to remain to be made use of for our especial service, and the receipt or acquittance of our said Surveyor or his deputy shall be a sufficient discharge unto such officers or ministers for the same respectively. And though wee have reason to believe that few or none of our said officers or ministers have been so negligent or remisse in the faithful and due execution of the respective trusts reposed in them by us but that the respective particulars herein directed to be done are in a great measure already performed, but we judge it requisite that they doe respectively and carefully review and examine what is already done and cause what remains yet to bee done to bee speedily and exactly performed as they tender our displeasure and the preservation of their offices; and in case of negligence in their duty or contempt of these our Commands you are to cause such proceedings to bee made against them as is warranted by law in such cases; provided neverthelesse that if our said Surveyor Generall after receipt and perusal of the Inventarys of the respective records or writings in any of the said offices or places shall certify that he doth not conceive it necessary or requisite that all or part of them should bee Indexed, or if upon perusall of the respective Indexes which shall be delivered unto him, hee shall certify that he doth not think it necessary or requisite that the same should bee in all or part allphabetted; in such case and upon such Certificate from our said Surveyor Generall with the grounds and reasons thereof, which is to be given without any fee or reward, You our Chief Governor and Councill may dispense with the respective officers and ministers in whose Custody such Records or Writings are, from Indexing or Allphabetting such of them as shall be certified not to bee necessary or requisite to bee Indexed or allphabetted, and those which shall bee so dispenced withall shall not suffer any prejudice in his or their respective offices or places for the omitting of the Indexing or Alpabetting of the particulars so certified not to bee necessary or requisite to bee done. And it is our further pleasure that you cause perfect and due obedience to bee given unto our Letters dated the 20th of September last directing that all papers and writings relating to the settlement of Ireland which are not in the proper offices of record shou'd bee forthwith delivered unto our said Surveyor Generall in case the same be not effectually done already. And for your so doing these our Letters shall bee as wel unto you and to any other our Lieutenants Deputy Justice Justices or other Chief Governor or Governors of that our Kingdome of Ireland that hereafter shall bee, as into all other our officers and ministers whom it doth or may concerne and every of them, a sufficient warrant and discharge in that behalf. Given at our Court at Whitehall the 11th day of March 1671 in the 24th year of our Reign.

Ent[d] at the Signet Office, the 23[d] March 1671,
John Nicholls.

By His Majesty's Command,
J. TREVOR.

To Our Right trusty and well beloved Counsellor John Lord Berkeley, Our Lieut' Generall and Generall Governor of Our Kingdome of Ireland, and to the Lieut' or other Chief Governor or Governors thereof, for the time being.

Irrot' 24th day of April, 24th Charles 2[d].

1703, 26th Nov. HOUSE OF LORDS.—IT was Ordered, That the Speaker of this House do wait on his Grace the Lord Lieutenant, and acquaint his Grace, that it is the desire of this House, that some chamber in the Castle, or the Council House, be appointed for an Office for the Clerk of this House to keep the Journals and other Records of this House; and that a salary of £. 20. may be allowed him per annum for that service.—Vide *Irish* Lords' Journals, Vol. II. p. 47.

1715, 5th Dec.—The Committee on the Improvements of the House, reported as follows:

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of the Committee, That application be made to the Lords Justices, that a safe and convenient Office be allotted in the Castle of Dublin, for the keeping of Parliamentary Records.

To which Resolution the Lords Justices answered, That *Birmingham Tower* being the proper place for keeping Parliamentary Records, a convenient Office shall be prepared There, without loss of time, for the better preservation of instruments of so great importance.—Ibid. Vol. II. p. 473. 477.

1728, 11th April.—A Bill was presented, for the better preserving the Records of this Kingdom.—*Irish* Lords' Journals, Vol. III. p. 62.

This Bill was afterwards committed for a day, upon which the House did not meet; and no further proceedings appear to have been had upon it.—Ibid. p. 64.

1739, 8th Nov.—A Committee was appointed to inspect into the state of the public Offices of Record in this Kingdom, and in what manner and place the Records are now kept.—Ibid. p. 448.

This Committee afterwards report, at great length, upon the 30th November following.—Ibid. p. 452.

This Report was laid before the Lord Lieutenant; who, on the 14th December, returned for answer,

"I am very sensible of what importance the preservation of the Public Records is to this kingdom, and shall forthwith lay this Report before His Majesty."—Ibid. p. 458.

1758, 3d February.—A Committee was appointed to enquire into the State of the Parliament Office, and enquire in what manner the Rolls of Parliament are now kept, and how disposed of.—Vol. IV. p. 109.

On the 20th of February, the Committee reported at length, and annexed to their Report, a Statement from Mr. Lodge; both which documents are well worthy of attention, but are too long for insertion in this Note.—Ibid. p. 113.

On the 23d, the House entered into various Resolutions, respecting the fit place for keeping the Rolls of Parliament, and on the state of the Rolls Office, and then ordered their Resolutions of this day, and those of the Committee, to be laid before the Lord Lieutenant.—Ibid. p. 117.

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communicated, pursuant to their orders, were very scanty, when compared with those which have been now received from the same Offices, and which may partly appear even from a comparison of the number of Returns then received, with those now delivered in to The Board; the Returns of 1723 being only 15 in number, of 1791 only 22; while those, which compose the following Supplement, consist of upwards of 250.

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To these Resolutions, the Lord Lieutenant returned an answer, in the very words of his answer on the 14th December 1739.—*Irish* Lords' Journals, Vol. IV. p. 121.

Further proceedings were taken during the course of this Session, for the security of the Parliament Records.—Ibid. p. 124. 126. and 403.—Vol. V. p. 147.—Vol. VI. p. 222.

1711. House of Commons.—The Council Office having been consumed by fire in this year, and a great part of the Records belonging to it, and to the Surveyor General's Office, having been destroyed, the House of Commons, on the 16th of July, appointed a Committee to consider of proper methods for preventing the mischiefs, both public and private, which may arise by the loss of the Records consumed in the late fire.—On the 2d August following, there appear upon this subject, in the Journals, the following Resolution and Order:

"*Resolved*, That this House do, to-morrow morning at nine o'clock, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to take into consideration the Report from the Committee appointed to consider of proper methods for preventing the mischiefs, both public and private, which may arise by the loss of the Records consumed in the late fire; and nothing to intervene."

"*Ordered*, That such Books, Maps and Papers, belonging to the Surveyor General's Office, as were preserved from the late fire, and are laid before the House, be referred to the said Committee.—Vide *Irish* Com. Journal, Vol. II. p. 699. 709.

Notwithstanding these proceedings, no further progress appears (on the Journals) to have been made in this inquiry.

1715.—The subject of the Records engaged the attention of the House of Commons each successive Session from 1715 to 1783 inclusive; during which time they adverted to most of the leading objects of the present Commission; viz. the places and manner in which the Records were kept, the fees of officers by whom the offices were executed, and to whom they belonged; together with a particular inquiry into the State of the ancient Journals of the House.—*Irish* Com. Journal, Vol. III. p. 83. 123. 153. 187. 218. 251. 321. 328. 366. 374. and 487.—The only result which appears to have flowed from these last mentioned proceedings is, that leave was given for preparing the heads of a Bill for the more effectually preserving the Records of Outlawries of High Treason in this Kingdom. Ibid. Vol. III. p. 268. Which Bill does not appear to have been ever presented to the House.

1739, 14th Dec.—A Committee was appointed to meet, and inspect the Public Offices where the several Records of this kingdom are kept, and that they do report to the House the condition they shall find the said Offices to be in, and the manner in which the said Records are kept.—Ibid. Vol. IV. p. 319.—This Committee, by their Chairman, reported on the 28th Dec. as follows:

"The Committee appointed to inspect the Public Offices where the several Records of this Kingdom are kept, and to report the condition they shall find the said Offices to be in, and the manner in which the said Records are kept, have inspected the same accordingly, and have directed me to make the following Report;

"Your Committee, in the first place, visited and inspected the Rolls Office, and other Offices belonging to the High Court of Chancery, wherein are kept the Inrolments of all Grants and Charters of the Crown, the original Acts of Parliament, the Pleadings, Depositions and Decrees of the said High Court of Chancery, and several other valuable Records.

"Your Committee also visited and inspected the several Offices belonging to the Courts of King's Bench, Common Pleas, and Exchequer, and other Courts, wherein are severally lodged the Records of Outlawries and Attainders, and particularly the Outlawries and Attainders of such Papists as were attainted on account of the Rebellions in 1641 and 1688; the several Records of Judgments, Fines and Recoveries; the several Returns of Inquisitions, wherein are found the Estates of outlawed and attainted Persons; the several Pleadings, Depositions, and Decrees of the Court of Exchequer, and several other useful and valuable Records of the utmost consequence, on the preservation of which the peace and safety of this Kingdom does in a great measure depend.

"Your Committee beg leave to observe, that the Rolls Office and the Records therein are kept in the King's-Inns, an old ruinous and decayed building; and other offices are kept in the private houses of the several and respective Officers, or in houses hired by them for that purpose, which houses are dispersed through this city in places very remote and distant from each other, which is very inconvenient to the suitors, and are mostly built in narrow streets and close lanes, daily subject to the casualties of fire, and very difficult of access for men with engines to work in, in case a fire should break out in any of the said offices, or in any of the houses in the neighbourhood of them, by which the said Records must be destroyed, or be in great danger of being lost in the hurry of a hasty removal of them; which, should it happen, would throw the people of this kingdom into the utmost confusion and distraction, by losing the proper evidences of their tenures, and of their titles to their estates, which must inevitably involve them in tedious and expensive law-suits. All which Your Committee having carefully examined and observed, have come to the following Resolution;"

"*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the erecting a public Building, for the keeping of the Offices and Records of this Kingdom, will contribute greatly to the security of this Nation, and ease of the suitors."

1756.—In this year, an Address was presented to the Lord Lieutenant, for £. 5,000. towards erecting proper Offices for the safe keeping of the Records.—*Irish* Com. Journals, Vol. V. p. 389, 390.

1758.—On the 1st of February a Committee was appointed, on the subject of Records.—Ibid. Vol. VI. p. 73.—But nothing appears to have resulted from it.

1771.—In this year a Committee was appointed, "to inquire into the present State and Condition of the Public Offices "for keeping the Records of this Kingdom, and what new Offices will, for that purpose, be necessary, and the most "proper places whereon to erect such Offices; and to report their Opinion to the House."—Ibid. Vol. VIII. p. 384. 390.

Another Committee was appointed in the same year, "to inquire into the present State of Public Offices for keeping "the Records of this Kingdom, and what new Offices would be necessary for that purpose, and what the expense may be "of such new Offices."—Ibid. Vol. VIII. p. 436. 440, 441.

In this year also, an Account of the Records in Birmingham Tower was ordered, and presented.—Ibid. Vol. VIII. p. 373. 378.

1777.—In this year, a Committee was appointed to inquire into the expenditure of £. 5,000.—Ibid. Vol. IX. p. 346. 352.

1780.—The same, as to £. 3,000.—Ibid. Vol. X. p. 91, 92.

1782.—

The next Remark, suggested by those Returns, relates to a matter which is much to be regretted, namely, the numerous chasms, which, from a perusal of the Returns, will be found to exist in most of the Records, as well those of the utmost importance, as those of inferior value. To corroborate this, we refer to the Returns which have been made from the Rolls Office; by which it appears that the Statute Rolls in that Repository only commence in the 5th year of Henry the Sixth, and that there is not to be found in it any Act (although some earlier ones are in print) of a date prior to that reign. It is hoped that it will not be deemed irrelevant to state here, that the Sub-Commissioners on the Rolls Office in their Return mention a fact (which has also come to our individual knowledge) and which may serve partially to account for the chasms here noticed, and may also afford the Board some light, whereby they may be enabled to trace, at least, one of those early Rolls that are missing: we allude to an entry, which is to be found in one of the Catalogues in the Rolls Office, written about the time of James the First, in the following words: " 13th Edward Third, A Parliament Roll in my Lord Primate's hands." This entry appears to have been made at the same time with a general list of the Rolls in the Office, and proves that this Roll was considered to be a Record belonging to that Repository.

The earliest Patent Roll in the same Office, is stated by the Sub-Commissioners to be one made up of enrolments from 11th Edward the First, to the end of that reign, and of part of a Roll from the 9th year of Edward the Second, to the 11th of his reign. This Roll, which the Sub-Commissioners ascertain to be of the dates above mentioned, is better known by the title *, Antiquissimæ Literæ Patentes, and is one which Mr. Lodge has entered in his list as a Roll of Edward Third. The Deputy Keeper of this Repository has returned only one Close Roll, viz. that of 12th and 13th Charles the First: but this the Sub-Commissioners on the Rolls correct in their Return, in which they state that there are many of an earlier period, viz. 20th Edward Second, 1st and 4th Richard Second, 1st Henry Fourth, 5th, 6th, 14th, 19th, and 20th Henry Sixth, 19th Edward Fourth, 9th Henry Seventh, 5th Edward Sixth, and 12th & 15th Elizabeth.

The Returns, both from the Deputy Keeper of the Rolls, and of the Sub-Commissioners, equally confirm our statement of the various chasms that exist in the most valuable species of our Public Records; while the new discoveries arising from every repeated search, and the great additions made, as we have seen by the present Keepers of the several Repositories, to the Returns given in by their predecessors, are calculated to encourage a hope that even the chasms which still appear may be hereafter in part filled up. In Birmingham Tower, there are also many material deficiencies, the Pipe, Plea, Patent, and Close Rolls, being none of them in a regular series. In the Records of the Auditor General's Office, the chasms are also glaring; as they are in those of many other Repositories which contain Records of great national importance. But it would be foreign from our object, and would incumber the Board with an unnecessary detail, were we to do more than generally to point their attention to this part of the subject, which should not be concluded without stating, that the Records of the Chief Remembrancer's Office are, comparatively speaking, complete; and that those valuable collections, originally called "The Memoranda Rolls," are in nearly a regular series from the reign of Edward the First.

Upon the whole, considering the manner in which, for a long time, the Records have been circumstanced, and the neglect which at several periods they have experienced, it is less surprising that so many have been lost or

* Vide Harris's Essay on the Improvement of Ir. Hist. p. 285. Harris's Hibernica, p. 212. Report of Searches of Eng. Sub-Commissioners in 1806, pa. 85, note B.

1782.—In this year, a Committee was appointed " to inquire what progress has been made in building the Offices for the reception of Public Records, and whether any, and which of them, are occupied by any, and what persons; and what parts of them are now unoccupied."—Ibid. Vol. X. p. 311. 322. 324.—Committee instructed to inquire into the present State and Condition of the Offices for keeping of the Public Records of this Kingdom, and what new Offices may be necessary for that purpose.—Ibid. Vol. X. p. 324.

1786.—An Account of Money expended towards erecting Offices for keeping Records, was ordered.—Ibid. Vol. XII. p. 26.

1789.—An Account of £.6,000. for Record Offices, was ordered. Ibid. Vol. XIII. p. 15.—In this year, a Committee was appointed on the subject of Records generally. Ibid. Vol. XIII. p. 112.

1791.—This year, another Committee of the same nature was appointed.—Ibid. Vol. XIV. p. 429.

1792, March 10th.—A Bill was presented by the Right honourable Mr. Conyngham, to enable the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of this Kingdom, to appoint Commissioners, to enquire into the State and Condition of the Public Records, and for other purposes therein to be mentioned; which Bill was committed, and was afterwards withdrawn.—Ibid. Vol. XV. p. 90. 93. 97.

This is the last proceeding respecting the subject of Records generally, which appears upon the Journals of the *Irish* House of Commons. Several Accounts, respecting the expenditure of various sums for Law Courts and Offices, were ordered by the House of Commons at different periods.—Vide Journals, Vol. XII. p. 311. 315. 319. Vol. XIII. p. 127. Vol. XV. p. 18. 132. 301. Vol. XVII. p. 223.

1793.—In this year, an Address was presented to the Lord Lieutenant, for £. 6,000. to be granted to the Lord Chancellor and Chief Judges, for the same purpose.—Ibid. Vol. XV. p. 264. 266.

Vide the different Statutes, for Grants towards building the Four Courts and Offices:—Irish Stat. 17, 18 Geo. III. c. 1.—19, 20 Geo. III. c. 7.—21, 22 Geo. III. c. 1.—23, 24 Geo. III. c. 1.—25 Geo. III. c. 24.—26 Geo. III. c. 49.—27 Geo. III. c. 19.—28 Geo. III. c. 20.—29 Geo. III. c. 35.—30 Geo. III. c. 41.—34 Geo. III. c. 4.—34 Geo. III. c. 6.

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or mislaid, than that such a number of them as remain should have been preserved. And it is also matter of further satisfaction, that so many valuable documents relating to Ireland, and particularly State Papers, are to be found in different Repositories in England; as, for instance, the State Paper Office, Receipt of the Exchequer, the Tower, Rolls Chapel, British Museum, the Lambeth, and Bodleian Libraries, &c.

We shall close our Remarks upon this head, by observing, that though no Office contains a collection of State Papers exclusively; yet it appears from these Returns, that many and very important documents of that description are to be found scattered through our several Repositories.

Vide *infra*, p. 397.

For the state of the Records of a more limited and local nature, than those we have remarked upon, we beg leave to refer to the Secretary's First General Report, in which they are pointed out; contenting ourselves with observing, that the great and serious chasms, which are stated to exist in those in the custody of the Clerks of the Crown, Clerks of the Peace, the Diocesan Registers, and other Officers who have the care of Records of a local description (as specified in their several Returns) appear generally to have arisen from these Records having been, in most instances, kept in private buildings*, by which means they have been liable, not only to the casualties of fire and damp, but have also been affected by the various circumstances in which the Officer intrusted with them may have been placed. In one instance, the Records of a county have been thrown out of the dwelling of a late Clerk of the Peace, in a heap, by his landlord, and so received by his successor†. In another, the Officer mentions that Records are in possession of a person who purchased them among some manuscripts of his late Guardian‡ during his minority; while in others, the Officers state that they never received any Records from their predecessors.

While on this part of the subject, we beg leave to call the attention of the Board to the great deficiencies to be found in the Records of the Examiners of the Exchequer; and which appear to have arisen from the same cause as the chasms last adverted to. Each Baron has an Examiner, who keeps the Depositions taken before him in his private house; and, on any change on the Bench, the Examiner is of course changed, and the Depositions taken before him, not having been lodged in any public building, have but in very few cases afterwards been forthcoming.

In addition to the various hazards to which Records are exposed, from the buildings in which they are kept being private property, we take the liberty of pointing out to The Board, that the same person being Clerk of the Crown for a great many Counties at the same time, is a circumstance which, in some instances, militates against the security of the Records; it being a necessary consequence, that the Records of some of the Counties of which such person is Clerk of the Crown, must be removed out of the County to which they may belong, into that in which he shall happen to reside; or, if left in the respective places to which they may belong, the Records of some of the Counties must be deprived of the superintendence and care of the Officer.

We shall conclude these Remarks, by observing, that in scarcely any instance where the Records are numerous, has the Officer stated that he possessed perfect Calendars or Indexes, but on the contrary, in many cases, the Keepers of Repositories mention that they have not any; and in some of these instances they state, that Calendars or Indexes would be useless to Records confessedly of the highest value; while in others they regret the defect, although no steps have been taken to remedy it.

These few Observations we have thought it our duty to make to The Board; and beg leave to add, that in all respects we have endeavoured to execute the trust committed to us by their Order of the 30th of January, to the best of our ability and judgment.

All which is respectfully submitted, this 11th July 1812.

Willm Ball.
Rod^k Connor.
Wm Shaw Mason,
Secretary.

* Vide Statute 7 Geo. III. c. 4.

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‡ Vide Return from Town Clerk of Belfast.

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I. General Repositories.

BIRMINGHAM TOWER.

ANSWERS to the QUERIES proposed by the Right honourable the Record Commissioners, as to the State of the Records in BIRMINGHAM Tower.

1. Birmingham Tower.

THE Records deposited in Birmingham Tower are as follow:

1st.—Rolls, great and small, of the Pipe, commencing in the 46th year of the Reign of King Henry the IIId, and ending in the 3d year of his late Majesty; but not a regular series.

2d.—Patent Rolls of the following years:

Edward the Ist	31st year.
Edward the IIId	1st, 7th, 8th, 11th, 20th, 21st, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 30th, 32d, 49th years.
Henry the IVth	1st, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th years.
Henry the Vth	1st, 2d, 3d, 7th, 9th years.
Henry the VIth	1st, 2d, 3d, 5th, 7th, 9th, 14th years.
Edward the IVth	7th year.

3rd.—Plea Rolls of the Court of Common Pleas, in the following Reigns:

Henry the IIId	a few years at the end of his Reign.
Edward the Ist	nearly complete series.
Edward the IId	Dº.
Edward the IIId	Dº.
Richard the IId	Dº.
Henry the IVth	Dº.
Henry the Vth	Dº
Henry the VIth	Dº.
Henry the VIIth	very few.
Henry the VIIIth	Dº. - dº.
Philip and Mary	nearly complete.
Elizabeth	Dº.

4th.—Rolls of Proceedings of Justices itinerant and Gaol Delivery.

5th.—Rolls of Attornment, Estreats, Recognizances, Pardons, Inquisitions on Attainder.

6th.—Two Close Rolls, one of 4 Henry IVth; and the other 1 Henry VIth; the latter much damaged by damp.

7th.—King's Bench Writs and Returns.

The above are all the Rolls.

Many Volumes of Books of Sheriffs Accounts; and Issues from the Exchequer to the Sheriffs to levy Fines, &c.

A great many Volumes of Books from the Secretary of State's Office, during the time of Cromwell's usurpation.

Three large Closets full of Papers, thrown together in a mass, which appear to be original Letters and Correspondence. These last it is impossible to state precisely what they are, as they have been thrown into the Closet at a hole over the door, which cannot be opened without being enveloped in dust and dirt.

A volume of the Proceedings of the Corporation of Limerick, from 1672 to 1680.

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Birmingham Tower.

To 2d Quere.—The Building is situated in Dublin Castle, and is public property. The condition of the Building and the Presses are good as to the convenience, but it is not fire-proof.

To 3d Quere.—The Pipe Rolls are in general in good preservation; the Patent and Plea Rolls are very much injured by damp, but they are in general legible. Some of the two latter descriptions were destroyed by a fire which happened about 30 or 40 years ago; the remains of some of these are still in a Closet in the Tower, on which is inscribed "Burnt Lumps."

4th Quere.—There is no Index whatever to any part of the Rolls; but There are two Volumes of a kind of Repertorium, referring to the Patent Rolls, and to the Plea Rolls, of the reigns of Henry the III^d, Edward the I^st and II^d. To the other part of the Plea Rolls, or to those of the Pipe, there is no kind of reference whatever.

The above-mentioned two volumes appear to be merely a draft of a Repertorium intended to have been made, but which did not proceed farther than as before mentioned. We know of no Catalogues or Indexes to any of the above Rolls existing elsewhere, except Mr. Lodge's Index to the Patent Rolls in the Secretary's Office.

The two Deputy Keepers are the only persons who have access to the Records, whose duty it is to make the searches, and return them to their proper places after every search.

The Salary of the two Deputies is £. 12. 12*s*. 0*d*. per annum; and the Fee for a search is two Guineas, which seldom exceeds two or three in a year; this is not owing to the absence of important matter in the Records, but to the difficulty of obtaining it for want of Indexes.

Nothing material has occurred in this Office, since the last Parliamentary Inquiry.

Birmingham Tower,
30 November 1810.

W. Warburton.
Wm Betham.
} Deputy Keepers of the Records in Birmingham Tower.

SIR, Birmingham Tower, 4th July 1812.

FAC-SIMILES having been taken of some of the most ancient and curious Records in Birmingham Tower, in compliance with the Order of the Board, I now transmit to you copies of such other Documents as strikes me will form a good specimen of the Records in that Office, which may be added to Return sent in.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
&c. &c.

Wm Shaw Mason, Esquire.

Wm Betham,
Deputy Keeper of Records in Birmingham Tower.

No. I.

Great Roll of the Pipe, 50 Hen. III.

Civitas Dubliñ'—Simon Unred et Reymundus le Peyteney ꝑ ea r̃ compotū de CC mãr de firma ejusdem civitatis hoc anno. Et de CC mãr de eadem firma de anno precedenti. In thr̃o XX li. Et eisdem IIII li. X sol. quos liƀaverunt p ꝑceptum Dñi E. Thom̃ de Mumnys cl̃ico ad frettū cũidam navis portant̃ XXX dol' vini de Dublin usque Cest̃ ad munic̃om Castr̃ ibidem p br̃e ejusdem Dñi E q̃d est alloc̃. Et eisdem lX sol. q̃s liƀaꝟunt p ꝑceptū ejusdem Dñi E. eidem Thom̃ ad stip̃ndia ꝯvientū ad arma t^a ñsfretañ ī eadem nave ad eadem vina custodienđ p idem brẽ. Et eisdem L sol. q̃s p ꝑceptū ꝑđci Dñi E. liƀ. eidem Thom̃ ꝑ stillag̃ stallag̃ vinorꝫ illorꝫ & ꝑ aliis minutis expñsis circa eadem ſtis p idem brẽ. Et eisdem VIII sol. q^o s p ꝑceptū ejusdẽ Dñi E. põs in VIII dol vini usq; in Castrū Dubliñ carianđ & liƀat̃ Rađo de Norwic̃ Constabular̃ eĩđ. Castr̃ ad munic̃oem eĩdem p aliud brẽ quod est alloc̃. Et Canonicus Sc̃i Thom̃ Dubliñ de elemosina Dñi Reg̃ constituta XL mar̃ de ꝑdc̃is II annis sicut continẽ in R̃ ꝑcedent̃. Et debñt CCIX li. XII s. Iidem ꝑ comp̃. de eodem debito. In Thr̃o CC mar. Et debent LXXVI li. V s. IIII den.

Iidem Simon & Reymundus r̃ compotum de L li. II s. IX den. ob. de debitis diversorꝫ quorꝫ nominibꝫ ꝑponit̃ litt̃a ꝛ in ro^lo XLIX°. In thr̃o LIIII libr̃.

Et eisdem C. s. q^o s põs. in repac̃one q^a rꝫđ domorꝫ Castr̃ Dubliñ p brẽ Dñi E. q^o d est alloc̃. Et hñt de supplus VIII li. XVII s. II d. ob. De q^i bꝫ alloc̃ XXXVI s. r̃ redđ curtĩll. Hamoñ Passelewe sicut iſra 9^r. Et II m̃ ī redđ domorꝫ q̃ fuerūt Jorđ la Warre sic̃ iſ^a 9^r. Et Joh. le Deboner̃ II m̃ & đi ī' debito suo sic̃ īfra 9^r. Et ī firma mol II m̃ sicut īfra 9tinẽ. Et Joħi Garget & Roƀo de Asseburne LIIII s. VI d. ob. in 9p̃ suo de anñ lv.

Civitas

Civitas p̄dč̄a r. com̄ de IX s. de redditu curtilag̃ Hamonis Passelewe hoc anno. Et de XXVII s. de eodem de t'bz annis p̄cedenť. In th'ro ñ' & ī supplus q'd p̄dci S. & R. ñnt s' XXXVI s. Et quieta est. p·ci Cives r. compotum de II mar̃ de firma domorz que fuerunt Jordani le Warre hoc anno. Et de VI mar̃ de eadem firma de t'bz annis p̄cedenť. In th'ro ñ' & špplus q'd iid S. & R. hñt s' II m̄. Et debñt iiii li. & r. intra.

Iidem Cives r. com̄ de XXVIII mar̃ de firma molendinorz jux' Castrū Dublin hoc anno & de anno p̄cedenti. Et XXVI li. XIII s. IIII den. de remanenti eisdem sicut contiñe ī rō'o XLIX. In th'ro XLIII li. Et in supplus q'd p̄dči S. et R. hñt supra II mar̃. Et debent XX s.

No. II.

Pipe Roll, 6 Edw. I.

Extracts relating to Galway.

fs. Compotus Robti de Bayon Collectoris Muragii ville de Galvy in Connač videł a die đnica px' p̄t festū Sči Martini Anno R.R. E. sexto usq; ad diē M'rtis in c'stino aplos Simōis & Jude anno R.R. ejusdē VIII° p brē p̄dci Dñi Regis patens.

Connač, fs. } Idem Robtus collector Muragii p̄dči r. com̄ de XXVII li. XIII S. XI d. ob̄ q' receptis de vino, sale, lana, pannis, coreis, pellibz om̄iū agnoz & capraz piscibz alecibz & aliis div̄sis & minutis m̄candisis ibidē venientibz p idē tēpus sicut contine' in quodā rotło de recepta ejusdē muragii p dictas quē p̄dčus Robts lib̄ ad sc'cr'm Sm' XXVII li. XIII S. XI d. ob̄. q' In thrō nichil. Et in ∫cura uni' rogi ad calcem cōburendā & p busca ibid̄ cariand̄ & in stip̄ndiis cementaz & alioz oparioz petram frangñciū & portantiū ibid̄ p idē t̄ps & in stipñdiis opař t'ctantiū & juvantiū p̄dcōs ceñtař ad muros v̄sus mare faciend̄ & ad Turrī ult' magnā portā fač & in ferro ibid̄ empť & p crowys pycosiis clavis & aliis ibid̄ fabricandis CXVII S. IIII d. sič cont' in eodē ro'o quē idē Robts lib̄ ibid̄. Et in stipñdiis carpentaz opanciū v̄ca Turrī & p meremio cariando & carpentand̄ ad portam ej'dem ∫ciendā & in aliis div̄sis necessariis opand̄ & fač ibid̄ p idē t̄ps XI li. V S. VII d. sič cont' in eodē ro'o quē idē Robts lib̄ ibid̄. Sm' XVII li. II S. XI d. Et đ X li. XI S. ob̄. q̄. s. r. ind̄ in Connač in ro'o R. E. nono.

fs. Compotus Steph̄i Annerey & Ade Albi collectoz muragii ville de Galvy in Connač a festo annūčōis b̄e Marie anno R.R. H. LVI usq; ad idē festū anno R.R. E. III° p br̄e dñi Regis patens.

fs. Iidem Steph̄us & Adam collectores muragii p̄dči r. com̄ de XXIX li. VII S. VI d. receptis de vino, sale, pannis, corcis & aliis div̄sis & minutis m̄candiš ibidē venientibz p idē t̄pus sič cont' in q'dam ro'o de ptičlis ejusdē muragii p dictas quē p̄dči Steph̄i & Adā lib̄ ad scc'm. Sm' XXIX li. VII S. VI d. In thrō ñ. Et in stip̄ndiis cementař & carpentarioz ibidē opanciū & in expenš alioz div̄soz opař pet'm calcem frangñciū & portanč & in expenš alioz juvanciū p̄dcos cementař & carpentař ad opa lignea & lapid̄ ibid̄ facienda p idē t̄ps XXIX li. IV S. V d. sič cont' in ro'o p̄dčō quē p̄dči S. & A. lib̄ ad Scc'm. Et debnt III S. I d. S. r. ind̄ in Connač in ro'o R. E. nono.

No. III.

Patent Roll, 49° Edw. III.

Charter of the Staple to Galway.

R. Omib̄z ad quos &c. Saltm̃. Sciatis qđ nos adv̄tentes quali v̄ div̄si m̄catores ext'nei v̄sus villam de Galvy cū m̄candisis suis sepius venientes usq; Civitatem nrām Cork p custumis suis de m̄candisis hinc nob̄ debitis ibidem solvend̄ ppt̄ navigatōis piculū & t'nsitus marini v̄sus portus đce civitatis difficultatem venire differunt hiis diebz & ad div̄sas ptes ext'as nob̄ de custumis nr̃is in hac pte p ip̄os non solutis ppt̄ huj' piculū & difficultatem frequencius se divertunt in nr̃i g've p̄jud'ciū & jacturam. Ac volentes pinde tam p comodo nr̃o in hac pte q'm in relevacoēm Burgensium & m̄catoz đce ville de Galvy pvidere & ne ip̄is nec aliis m̄catoribz de ptibz connacie t'nfretando v̄sus civitatem nr̃am p̄dčam p m̄candisis suis ibidem custumandis aliqua dampna seu depdita p maris infortuniū put ante hec tempora esse solebat deceto incūrant quovis modo de avisamento consilii nr̃i in trā nr̃a Hiłn duxim⁹ ordinand̄ qđ stapula nr̃a lanaz corioz & pelliū lanutaz ac aliaz m̄candisaz quazcūq; nob̄ ex antiquo debitaz ad dčam villam hinc ad finē triū annoz p̄x̄ futur̃ existat. Et qđ dči burgenses & m̄catores de Galvy & de Connacia ac alii quicūq; qui v̄sus dčam villam cū aliquibz m̄candisis venire volūnt custumas suas ibidē & non ad civitatem nr̃am p̄dčam p tempore p̄dčō solvant eo non obstante qđ dča stapula apud dčam civitatē ac apud Dublin, Drogheda, & Wat'ford & non alibi in trā nr̃a Hibñ juxta ordinačōem inde nup ∫cām esse deberet nolentes vero qđ dči Burgenses & m̄catores ville de Galvy & de Connacia nec aliquis eoz aut heredes sui vel alicujus eoz aut alii m̄catores ext'nei vel heredes sui roñe p̄missoz p nos vel heredes nr̃os seu ministros nr̃os quoscūq; futuz temporibz impetant' molestent' in aliquo seu g'vent'. Ita tamen qđ post finem đcoz triū annoz om̄es huj⁹ custume apud dčam civitatem nr̃am Cork & non ad dčam villam de Galvy solvant' nisi aliud inde p nos inťim fuit p̄visū. In cuj⁹ &c. T. p̄fato Gub̄natore apud Dublin X die Maii p ip̄m Gub̄natorē & conš.

APPENDIX.
1.
Birmingham Tower.

No. IV.

Miscellaneous Roll, 15 E. IV.

ā Thome fitz Morice Comiti Kildariæ deputato carissimi fr̃is Dñi Regis nunc Georgii Ducis Clarencie locum tenentis ipsius Dñi Regis terre sue Hiḃnie in partem solucionis mille marcarum quas Dominus Rex eidem deputato concessit et eas XXVII die Junii anno regni sui duodecimo de exit̃ et profic̃ infra terram suam predictam cretis sive crescentibus primitiis de Thesaur̃ suo sibi solvi mandavit. - - } XIIII li. VI s. VIII d.

ā Roulando fitz Eustace Militi Domino de Portles? Thesaurario Domini Regis terre sue Hiḃnie in partem solucionis tam feod̃ sui (XL li. per anñ) quam vadiorum suorum quinque solid̃ per diem a XXIX die Novembr̃ anno Regni Regis nunc XI° ultra LX li. annuas quas predictus Roulandus percipit de custodia mancriorum dicti domini Regis de Newcastell de Lyones, et Tassagart cum omnibus suis pertinentiis in com̃i Dubliñ in partem solucionis feodorum et vadiorum suorum. - - - - } IIII li.

ā Johanni Fleming clerico Thesaurario Scaccarii Domini Regis Hibernie in psolucionem vadiorum suorum V d. per diem aperti Scaccarii termini Paschæ anno regni regis nunc undecimo videlicet a XXII die Aprilis, primo die ejusdem termini usque tricessimum diem Maii tunc proxim̃ sequent̃ scilicet p XXXIX dies utroque die computato. } VII s. IV d.

ā Et eidem in persolucionem consim̃ vadiorum suorum per diem Termini Sancte Trinitatis ex tunc proxim̃ sequen̄ videlicet a XVII die Junii primo die ejusdem Termini usque XVII diem Augusti tunc proxim̃ sequen̄ scilicet p LXII dies utroque die computato - - - - - - - - - - - - - } XXV s. X d.

ā Et eidem in partem solucoīs consim̃ vadiorum suorum per diem Termini Sancti Michaelis anno regni regis nunc undecimo videlicet a XXX° die Septembr̃ primo die ejusdem termini usque XIIII diem Decembris tunc proxim̃ sequen̄ scilicet p LXXVI dies utroque die computato - - - - - - - - - - - } XIII s. VI d.

Thome Sharpe clerico Sumonis? in persolucionem feodi sui terminorum Paschæ et Sc̃e Trinitatis anno regni regis nunc tertio decimo - - - - - - - } XXIIII s. VII d.

ā Et eidem in partem solucionis feodi sui Termini Sancti Michaelis tunc prox̃ sequen̄ - - - II s.

ā Johanni Flemyng clerico, Henrico Whyte clerico, Cristofero Fox clerico, Clericis operum Castri Domini Regis civitatis sue Dubliniensis in partem solucionis X libr̃ annuarum de exit̃ et profic̃ tam hanaperii dicti Domini Regis Cancellarie sue Hibernie, ac capit̃ placee necnon communis placee quam Scaccarii et cunagii sive nuñismat̃ ejusdem Regis terre sue predicte juxta tenorem actus sive ordinacionis inde edit̃ pro reparacione dicti castri a XV die Octobris anno R. R. nunc secundo concessar̃ quas Dominus Rex qui nunc est vicessimo die Decembr̃ anno regni sui duodecimo de exit̃ et proficuis predictis eisdem solvi mandavit. - - - - - - } CXIII s. IIII d.

ā Thome Pekok Hostiar̃ Scaccarii antedicti in partem solucionis vadiorum Johannis Wolcock unius nunc̃ Scaccarii predicti percipiend̄ (per diem I d. ob.) ab undecimo die Octobr̃ anno Regni Regis nunc decimo usque undecimum diem Octobr̃ anno regni regis ejusdem duodecimo scilt̃ p duos annos integros ultra inde sibi solut̃ per idem tempus XXX s. Et in minutis necessariis per ipsum empt̃ Ac in aliis solucionibus mis̃ et expeñs per ipsum in Scaccario predicto a duodecimo die Maii usque XVIII diem Augusti tunc proxim̃ sequen̄ factis videlicet in XV pelt̃ pergamen̄ empt̃ (II s. VI d.) et in I. quart I. pynte encausti empt̃ (XII d.) et uni nuncio extraneo ad portandum literas diversis magnatibus pro cōmodo domini Regis (VI d.) et cuidam fr̃i divina in dicto Scaccario celebranti pro pane vino et cera ad missas celebrand̄ (VI d.) - } XXXIIII s. VI d.

No. V.

Patent Roll, 3 H. VI.

Treaty between the Lord Lieutenant & Owen O'Neill.

HEC Indentura fca int̃ nobilem dñm dñm Jacobum le Botiller Comitem Ermon̄ locum tenentem illustrissimi Dñi nr̃i Regis Anglie, in ?ra sua Hiḃn, ex parte una, et Ewegenium Oneyll Hiḃnicum de Ultonia ex altera testat̃ q̄d idem Ewegenius recognoscit se esse ligeum Dñi nr̃i Regis Angl̃ hered̄ et successorȝ ipius non vi nec metu ductus, aut compulsus, set pure sponte et liḃe, ac spontanea sua voluntate, necnon hoīem tenentem subditū et fidelem nobilis Dñi Ric̃i Ducis Eboraci, consanguinei et heredis Edmundi, nup Comitis Marchie et

Ultonie p ꝑsenti racõne minoris etatis, in custodia dĉi dñi Regis existentis; et ⁊ras Hiб ĥcales quas het et inĥitat, exceptis ⁊ris ecclĩasticis si que sunt, de iꝑo Ricõ Duce supª dĉõ hereꝺ et successoribꝫ suis tenere debet immediate, et omñ alias ⁊ras quas idem Ewegenius et subditi sui, ac sibi adherentes, ante ꝺatam ꝑ. entiũ ĥuerunt detinuerunt occuparunt, seu inĥitant, vel quas ĥent occupant, et detinent in ꝑsenti cum suis ptin; Ac oĩes alias ⁊ras jure ꝑꝑio dĉi Riĉi hereꝺ et consanguinei ante dĉi Comitis Marchie vel p suos ante ꝯssores qualiꝯcumq; possessas, sive p iꝑm Riĉm debite impos⁊tum possedendas; nec non quascumq; alias ⁊ras Anglicoꝝ p iꝑm Ewegeniũ et subdiť suos ac sibi adherentes possessas; dĉõ Dño nño Regi ac Riĉõ Duc antedĉõ, et hereꝺ ac successoribꝫ suis, ac aliis Anglicis ⁊ras et dñia iꝺm ĥentibꝫ seu eis vel eoꝝ alicui de jure competentibꝫ, vaccuam possessionem liꝺam et expediť eaĩdem, idem Ewegenius p se hõibꝫ ac aliis oĩibus sibi adherentibꝫ dimittit, relaxat, et sursum reddit, p se hereꝺ et successoribꝫ suis in ꝑpetuũ; Ita ꝙª iidem Dñs nť Rex Ricũs Dux antedĉus hereꝺ et successores eoꝝdem ac ce⁊i Anglici de ꝑdcis ⁊ris oĩibꝫ et si gulis, cum earꝫ ptiñ liꝺe disponꝺe et suũ pficuũ facꝺe possint et eoꝝ quilibet facꝺe possit, absq; calumpnia vel impedimento ipius Eweg̃ hereꝺ seu successoꝝ suoꝝ quoꝝcumq; Et insuper dĉus Eweg̃ pmisit fidelitatem obedienĉ et reꝟenť ac talem subjecꝺõe ⅁vič et ofličꝺare facꝺe et exhibere Ricõ Duč supªdĉõ postqªm pveꝟit ad ꝑfectam etatem, qualem sui ꝑdecessores et antecessores consueverunt Dño iꝑo Comiť March et Ultoñ qui p tempore fuit exhibere, et ꝑstare; et idem Eweg̃ hereꝺ et subditi sui, ac oĩes sibi adherent stabunt, ibunt, et equitabunt in futuť, et erunt cũ ꝑdcis Dño nño Rege hereꝺ et successoribꝫ suis ac suam potestatem in Hiбn ĥentibꝫ & Ricõ Duč supªdĉo ac hereꝺ suis cũ toto posse suo in meliori apparatu guerrino, quo possunt, ubi iꝑi vel eoꝝ aliquis voluꝟint vel voluꝟit in Hiбn, in guerra et in pace, contª oĩes inimicos et rebelles dĉi dñi regis et dĉi Ducis imꝑpetuũ; videlicet, in Ultoñ et marchiis ejusdem, sumtibꝫ ꝓpriis ipius Eweg̃ hereꝺ et successoꝝ iꝑius; et pari forma in quibuscumq; aliis locis Hiбn extª Ultoñ sup quoscumq; Hiбnicos, seu Anglicos rebelles contª dĉm dñm nťm Regem et ducem supªdĉm guerrentes seu debellantes, ibunt equitabunt et guerrabunt meliori modo et forma quibꝫ possunt, oĩi fraude, dolo, et necligencia omissis, jam recipienꝺ ab ipo Rege seu alio quocumq; statum dĉi dñi nťi Regis in Hiбn ꝑsentante, et duce antedicto, victualia necessaria, p tempore quo iꝑi, ex causis ꝑmissis, in comitia ipõꝝ vel alicujus ex iꝑis fuĩnt et pseꝟaꝟint. Et ꝑdĉi Eweg̃ hereꝺ et successores tenenť et subditi ac adherenť non intrabunt ⁊ras Anglicanas, nec destruent, nec oppriment seu quovismodo gªvabunt aliquos fideles ligeos tenenť ac subdiť ipõꝝ Dñi Regis et Riĉi Duč supªdĉi, seu hereꝺ suoꝝ p depꝺaĉões homicidia incendia roborias furta & latrocinia seu nefanꝺ nigrũ reddiť vocat Blakrent aut victualia ab eis vel eoꝝ aliquo indebiť capienꝺ vel alio quovis modo gªvanꝺ. Et si qui de subditis seu hoibꝫ dĉi Eweg̃ hereꝺ seu successoꝝ suoꝝ vel de sibi adherenť inť Anglicos aliqua homicidia incendia depꝺaĉões furta tªnsgressiones aut oppꝺssiones vel alia maleficia quecumq; facienť deꝑhendantr, emendent, et quiet iꝑoꝝ juritice emendet delicta ab iꝑis seu eoꝝ aliquo ꝑpetrata; Ft inde fideliť satisfaciant et iꝑoꝝ quilibet satisfaciat, vero dño et injuriam passo, necnon eciam ꝺaplum in nõie pene dño nño Regi seu cuicumq; in eadem terra ejus potestatem ĥenti et ꝑťať Duč de iꝑis sibi subjectis, cum ad etatem pveꝟit dent et solvant, et quilibet iꝑoꝝ det et solvat. Et simili modo quoad ⁊imaĉõem dampni et emendaĉõem delicti ab Anglicis similia ut supª ad dampñ dĉi Ewegenii ꝑpetťnť ĥeat ꝑťať Eweg̃ et sui ĥeant successores. Et dĉus Eweg̃ pmisit p se hereꝺ et successš suis, ac eis adherentibꝫ qꝺ nullum Hiбnicum nec Anglicum rebellem ad guerram contª iꝑm Dñm Regem, ejusve locũ tenentem et ducem supªdĉum aut eoꝝ hereꝺ existenť, aut impos⁊tum existe contingenť aut latronem seu furem, bona et catalł alicujus Anglici sive Hiбnici, sub fidelitatem pace dñi Regis existenť seu in futuť existe volenť in partibus suis receptabit, juvabit, aut victualia, arma, equos, hospiciũ seu aliquod auxiliũ vel favorẽ, ⅁bo aut fĉõ eidem ꝑstabit. Et quecumq; bona aut catalł Anglicoꝝ seu eoꝝ tenenĉ in patria aut dñio dĉi Eweg̃ inventa fuĩnt eidem Dño nño Regi vel ejus locum tenenti et Duč ꝑťať, que sua aut tenenĉ iꝑoꝝ sunt restituet, aut iꝑis quoꝝ sunt, si extant, restituet et liꝺabit; Alioquin iꝑoꝝ exštimaĉõem cũ oĩi festinaĉõe possibili; nec iꝑos durante eoꝝ inimicitia rebellione et fuga in quantum in iꝑo est p patriam suam ⁊ansire pmittet, sed resistenciam eisdem, cũ oĩibꝫ viribꝫ suis faciet, iꝑos in tªnsitu, cũ toto posse suo, expugnando et capienꝺ, ac cuť iꝑius Dñi Regis remittenꝺ. Ex adꝟso pmittit dĉus Jacobus locum tenens, nõie Regis, qꝺ si contingat aliquem notoriũ seu manifestum furem, seu malefĉõrem aliquem de ptibꝫ dĉi Eweg̃ cũ bonis aut catalł alicujus subditi ejusdem Eweg̃ furtive vel violenť captis & adductis ad partes Anglicoꝝ cũ eisdem venire et iꝺm moram facꝺe, dĉis Eweg̃ & successoribꝫ suis recenť ꝑsecuĉõem p eisdem facienť remittenť; jure & titulo dñi nťi Regis in hac parte semp salvis. Et fidele conciliũ dño nño Regi ejus eciam locum tenenti & Ricõ Duč ꝑnoïať ac eoꝝ officiariis et ministris in suis tractatibꝫ et conciliis cũ idem Eweg̃ p iꝑos seu eoꝝ aliquem requisitus fuĩt hereꝺ et successš sui requisiti fuĩnt absq; dolo & fraude ꝑstabunt et ꝑstabit, et consiliũ dñi Regis & locũ tenentis sui ac ducis antedĉi, seu ministroꝝ eoꝝdem selabit et selabunt. Et si consiliũ aliquoꝝ Hiбnicoꝝ inimicoꝝ aut rebelliũ Anglicoꝝ eidem Eweg̃ fuĩt intimatum vel cognitum qꝺ ad dampnũ aut dedecus dñi nťi Regis, locum sui tenentis et Riĉi Ducis ꝑnoïati vel Hereꝺ suoꝝ aut fidelis ꝑpli redundare possit, illud qªm cito poťit eidem dño nño Regi vel iꝑius locum tenenti aut Duci antedicť seu eoꝝ ministris vel eoꝝ alicui revelabit, aliquo juramento p iꝑm Eweg̃ fĉõ vel in futuť in contªrium faciendo non obstante. Itm si dĉus Eweg̃ aliquod pactum convenĉõem seu confederaĉõem cũ aliquibus Hiбnicis contª dñm nťm regem vel ejus locum tenentem seu Ducem supªdĉm aut eoꝝ subditos & tenenť fecit iniit firmavit aut confederavit sub juramento aut quavis alia firmitate illa oĩa et singula p ꝑsentes revocat, cassat irritat & annullat ac p infectis ea ĥere vult. Item dĉus Eweg̃ p se hereꝺ successoť & adherentibꝫ suis, remittit relaxat & quictum clamat veꝟabili in Xꝑo ꝑťi ac dño Johi

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APPENDIX. 1. Birmingham Tower.

Dei gra Archiepo Ardm̃ tocius Hiбn primati, & suis successoribz omнodas accones reales & personales, dampna, injurias, molestias, debita, gravamina, seu alias calumpnias quascumq; ab origine mundi, usq; ad diem confectionis psenciū. Et spāliт omes calumpnias quas ipe vel aliquis alius nōie suo quocumq; colore quesito ћere ptendit, ptextu capcois seu prisonamenti dci Eweg̃ p Anglicos nup de eo facт seu pdicois bonoz ante daт psenciū quovismodo factт; nec pdcт Eweg̃ rōne pmissoz pdcm venabilem pm Archiepm & primatem aut successores suos nec aliquem de suis ministris molestabit gravabit inquietabit aut pturbabit, nec molestiam gravamen, seu inquietacoem p se aut p alios eisdem primati successoribz aut ministris suis, seu alicui ipoz clam vel palam, quocumq; quesito colore inferri ꝑcurabit, aut fieri pmittet, de hinc impostum in pptuū. Pdco dño suo primati, ut suo vero, & indubitato ac catholico Archiepo & primati suo, debitam subjecoem obedienciam & revenciam humiliт & fideliт dabit pstabit & exhibebit in omibz et p omia put sacrosancoes ecclesiastice in hac parte dictavunt necnon eciam consanguineos hōies tenentт & suos subditт ac sibi adherentт ad pmissas obedientias revencias et subjecciones ut pmittiт pfato dño suo primati ut eoz archiepo inviolabiliт face obedire et pimplere faciet et compellet; eciam contra inobedientes, si necesse fuit, excendo brachiū seculare. Et eciam jurisdicoem & visitacoem suam ordinariam in ptibz suis et alibi, pacifice p se et suos officialcs & comissaт, ꝑcuratores, et ministros exercere et pimplere pmittet et ab aliis pmitti faciet; & qd res, redditus, et pficua traz ecclesiasticaz et decimas reales pdiales & psonales ad ecclias poch capell & pbendas ac psonas eccliasticas Anglicanas & Hibnicañ fidcles dñi Regis in patria sua ptinentт, solve in debita forma pmittit. Similiт subditт suos ad hoc faciend compellet; nec hujusmodi decimas aut tras aliquas eccliasticas contra voluntatem dci venabilis pris Archiepi & primatis aut alioz viroz eccliasticoz pdcoz ad quos de jure et consuetudine ptinent p se aut alios detinebit, nec de eisdem se *intromittet; sz* liбe et pacifice pdcos venabilem dm archiepm & primatem ac ceros viros eccliasticos de ipis tris & eccliis & redditus et decimas, tam majores qam minores ad eosdem spectantт ꝑcipe & disponе, ac ea ad firmam tradere cū voluint p libito voluntatis eoz pmittet, ac alios suos subditт hōies & sibi adherentт ad hoc faciend p toto posse suo compellet. Item pfatus Eweg̃ p se hered et successoribz suis p psentes concedit totam obediam & subjecoem face & ome sviciū redd consuetudines tributa et exacoes que ptextu Bonuaghtye ipe vel aliquis antecessoz suoz ante hec tempora alicui comiti Marchi & Ultoñ infra dñium suū de Ultoñ fecit et fecerunt, in futur fideliт et humiliт p se hered successores ac subditт & tenentes suos solve illi capitaneo seu offic quem pfatus Jacobus locum tenens face constituere et ordinare ad pmissa recipiend infra Ultoñ voluit; et hoc durante minori etate pfati Rici Ducis jam in custodia Regis existentis; et p futur temporibz in ppetuū pdca svicia exacoes et tributa fideliт solvet, et a suis psolve faciet pdco Rico Duci hered et successoribz suis, seu illo vel illis cui aut quibus ipe assignare voluit, postq;m ad etatem pfectam pvenit. Item pdcus Eweg̃ p conservacoe pacis pdce dño nro Regi et ejus locū tenenti ac Rico Duci phoiato hered et successoribz ac fideli pplo eozdem impptuū custodiend obfvand & tenend, dabit dco Jacobo locū tenenti unum abilem filiū suū quem ipe duxit elegend in obsidem p pace pdca et aliis in hiis indenturis contenta, tenend et pimplend, hend & essend dcm obsidem in custodia pfati locū tenentis, aut alibi ubi ipe eundem obsidem assignare voluit custodiend. Et si contingat dcm obsidem in hujusmodi custodia mori, dabit aliū filiū suū abilem, quem pfatus locū tenens duxit elegend & ad majorem securitaт in hac parte invenienд et convencoes ac alia in hiis indenturт contentт p se suos hered et successores ut pdcm est faciend fideliт et pimplend pfatus Eweg̃ sup sca dei evangelia et scoz patrū reliquias p ipm corporaliт tactт et deosculaт juramentт pstitit subjiciendo se et suos hōies jurisdicoi pdci venabilis pris Johis Ardm̃ Archiepi, & tocius Hibn Primatis, & venabilis pris Johis Epi Duneñ et alioz platoz tocius Hibn ex cta sciencia excepcoe declinatoria fori, et alti cujuscumq; ac omi juris remedio vel fci expsse renunciand; et ut pdci plati & eoz quilibet in psonam suam suspencois, excoicacois, et interdici sentencias possint et possit fulminare, et eciam concedit qd tre * * * * ipius ac alia loca ad que declinavit ecclastico supponant interdco et qd hujusmodi sentencias possint et possit quotiens et quando voluint et voluit rebellionibz et obstinac dci Eweg̃ aut suoz exigent aggravare et execuoi demandare; et contra pdcm Eweg̃ et suos hōies vel tenentes pro eoz contumaciis tanqam contra hereticos ꝑcedere et hujusmodi ꝑcessum juxta juris exigenciam determinare et judicialiт finire. In cujus rei testimoniū tam pdcus locū tenens quam pfatus Eweg̃ sigilla sua alternatim psentibus apposuerunt. Et insup pdcus Eweg̃ p se hered et successoribz suis vult & p psentes concedit, si, qd absit, ipe vel aliquis de suis supius nōiatus contra pmissa vel aliqua pmissoz incontra venit vel venint qd tunc contraveniens vel contriū faciens obligat in mille marcis p emenda competentт dco dño nro Regi ipiusq; locū tenentт necnon duci eozque hered et successoribz antedcis plene psolvend. Et qd bñ liceat dco dño nro Regi ipiusq; locū tenenti necnon Duc vt aliis quoz interest quibuscunque, p suma hujusmodi pugnora et districoes capere et tenere quousque de dco mille marcis plenarie fuit psolutum & qd ppt capcoem pugnoz seu districcionū hujusmodi pax int eosdem reformat seu eciam reformand ppter rupta * * * * * vel aliquo modo dici non deberet aut heri. Hiis testibz venabili in xpo pre ac Dño Dño Johe Archiepo Ardm̃ tocius Hibn primate supra specificato necnon ffre Johe Hide Priore de Louth, et ffre Johe Mylward Priore Sci Leonardi de Dundalk, necnon nobilibz viris Jacobo * * * * * Milite Senesc libtatis Ultoñ Johe Bedewe Milite juniori vic Urielis, Bartholomeo Verdon, et Nicho Taaff militibz et pluribz aliis astantibz in testimoniū vocat et rogatis. Dat apud Dundalk XXIII die Julii, anno regni Regis Henrici sexti tcio.

Ex Rotulis diversis in turre Birmingh. castri Dubl.

No. 1.

[Statutum ex Rot. plac. C. B. 53 Hen. III.]

ff. **provisū** ⁊ statutū est de cōsilio dñi. R. de Ufford capitał Justič Hiƀn ⁊ alioꝫ fideliū dñi. E. qui sūt ꝑ de ejꝰ cōsilio ⁊ de cōcensu oiūm magnᵃtum ⁊ tociꝰ cōitaţ Hiƀn qđ una ⁊ eadem mensura cujꝰlibet genꝛis bladi una ⁊ eadem lagena una ⁊ eadē pōdera ⁊ una ⁊ eadem ulna sīt deceꝛo ꝑ totam Hiƀn sč sūt in Civitate Londoñ cōstituta ⁊ appbata Et qđ aliqˢ deceꝛo qui aliqª vina hēat vendicōi exponenda, doliū vini nō vendat nⁱ ad pᶜciū quo poꝛit dī mª lucri reportare. Et qđ aliqˢ ꝟvientū qui bladum recipe debent ⁊ cōsueꝟunt ꝑ pastu suo deceꝛo nō recipeant nⁱ mensuram bladi scit qrᵃteriū Londoñ ad duodecī septim̃. Et si aliqˢ ꝟviens hoc cōtempꝛit, ⁊ ad recipiend nᶜgligens fuit bñ liceat dño suo illū ꝑ corpꝰ suū castigare ⁊ inpˢonare.

No. 2.

[Ex Rot. Pat. 3. Hen. VI.]

B. liƀtate anglicana Holhane } ℟ Oīmibꝫ Ballivis & fidelibꝫ suis ad quos &č Salt̃m Sciatis qđ cū ut accepimꝰ Roƀtus fit Phi Holhane & Margerete de Barry hēat cognomen de nacoñe hiƀnicali videlicet dez Holhganes ipēq, Roƀtus & antecessores sui a tempore conquestus Hiƀn sunt & fuerunt fideles ligei nr̃i in Com̃ & Civitate Cork inꝰ ligeos nrōs hactenus conꝟsantes Nos de avisamento dilci & fidelis nr̃i Joh̃is dñi de Talbot militis Justič nr̃i ꝟre nr̃e Hiƀn & consilii nr̃i in eadem volentes ip̃m Roƀtum favore ꝑsequi grōso de grā nrā spāli concessim [. . . .] eidem Roƀto qđ ipē liƀi sit status & liƀe condicoīs & ab oīmi ꝟvitute & condicōe Hiƀnicali liƀ & quietus et qđ ipē legibꝫ usibꝫ & consuetudinibꝫ Anglicanis in oīmibꝫ & ꝑ oīmia uti possit & gaudere eodem modo quo ħoies Anglici in eadem ꝟra eis gaudent & utuntʳ et qđ ip̃e respondeat & respondeatʳ tam in Cūr nr̃is qm̃ in aliis Cūr spūalibꝫ & temporalibꝫ et qd ip̃e in quibuscūq, ꝟris teñ redditibꝫ ꝟviciis & possessionibꝫ sibi jure hereditario & ꝑquisito in feodo talliato possit hereditari ac ꝟras teñ reddit[. . . . . ꝟvicia & possessiones quascumq, adquirere ac ea ħere occupare & eis sibi & heredibꝫ suis gaudere & in eisdē succedere & hereditare necnon ad quecumq, beneficia & dignitates eccl̃iastica ꝑmoveri & admitti ac ea ħere occupare & gaudere valeat ꝑut ħoīes Angli[. . . . .] in eadem ꝟra hujusmodi beneficia ħent & gaudent absq, impeticōne vel impedimento nr̃i heredū offič vel ministroꝫ nrōꝫ quoꝫcūq, Condicoē vel ꝟvitute hiƀnicali seu aliquo statuto aut ordinac̄oe inde in contrariū ante hec tempora fcīs non obstantibꝫ dumtamen idem Roƀtus ut fidelis ligeus nr̃ se ħeat & gerat in futuꝛ In cujꝰ &č T ꝑfato Justič nr̃o apud Dubliñ VI die ffebruarii ꝑ .pēt &č

No. 3.

[De Admirallo Hib. ex Rot. Plac. C. B. 21 Edw. III.]

ff. **Dñs Rex** mandavit quasdam lr̃as suas patentes in hec ꝟba. Edwardus[. . . . Rex Angł & ffranč & Dñs Hiƀn Uniꝟsis & singlis vicecomitibꝫ majoribꝫ Ballis dñis[. . . & marinariis naviū & oīmibꝫ aliis fidelibꝫ suis in ꝟra Hiƀn tam infra libertates qᵗm[. . . quos ꝑsentes ꝛre ꝑveñint Salt̃m Sciatis qđ constituimꝰ dilcm noƀ Andream de Guldeſ[. . . nr̃m ad arma admirallum nr̃m in dč̄a ꝟra Hiƀnie nec non supvisorem & custodem oīm portuū maritimoꝫ ptiū illaꝫ ad faciend & exc̄end oīmia & singła que hujusmodi admirallo supvisori ptinent assignavimꝰ eciam ip̃m Andream tam ad oīmes inimicos nr̃os de scocia & ffrancia & eo[. . . . . tores ac oīmia naves & vasa eoꝫdm inimicoꝫ nrōꝫ que ꝟsus ꝑdcās ptes Hiƀn inveniri poꝛt[. . . oīmia alia naves & vasa victualia & alia res & bona quecūque ꝟsus ꝑdc̄os inimicos nr̃os ducencia una cum oīmibꝫ & rebꝫ quibuscūq, in eisdm invenť capiend & arestand & salvo & securꝛ quo[. . . aliud inde duxꝛimꝰ ordinand ad opus nr̃m custodiri faciend et si forte contingat aliq[. . . grossas naves seu vasa alia cariata ꝑ costeram dč̄e ꝟre Hiƀnie ꝟsus ꝑdč̄as ptes scocie in[. . . inimicoꝫ nrōꝫ ibidm tⁿnsire que ꝑ ip̃m Andream comode non poꝛint arestari eidm A[. . . tenore ꝑsenciū concedimꝰ & comittimꝰ potestatem capiend & arestandi tam naves qe[. . . bargeas qᵗm hoīes in dč̄a ꝟra Hiƀn ubi sibi videbitʳ melius expedir̃ infra liƀtates & [. . . . in auxiliū ad resistend dcīs navibꝫ & vasis ꝟsus dcās ptes scocie sic tⁿseuntibꝫ & ad oīmia alia faciend & exc̄end que in ꝑmissis necessaria fuint vel oportuna. Et ideo voƀ & cuilibet vr̃m firmiꝛ inju[. . . ndo mandamꝰ qđ eidm Andree in ꝑmissis oīmibꝫ & singlis faciend & exequend intenden[. . . . . sitis consulenť obedientes & auxiliantes quociens & ꝑut idem Andreas voƀ scire feꝛit[. . . nr̃a In cujꝰ rei testimoniū has lr̃as nr̃as fieri fecimꝰ patenť T'. Leonello fił nr̃o carissim[. . . custode Angł apud Abyndoñ XXX die Maii anno r̃ ñ Angł vicesimo pᵗmo r̃ vēr ñ Fran [. . . .

Ex Rot. diversis in turre Birmingh. castri Dublin.

N.o 1.

N.o 2.

N.o 3.

Ordered, by the HOUSE OF LORDS, to be printed, 13th July, 1819.

No. 1.

[Ex Rot. 44 & 45 Hen. III. in Turre Berm. Dubl.]

Carta Cecilie quondā Uxōis Riči le Lori[·]r

Cecilia quondam uxꝰ Riči le Lorimer đʒ . . . . dñn ñr ut sc'batur in magno roˡᵒ. qđ Ada fiŧ Petri de Kylkenny ꝛ Cecilia fil Peŧ Selarii. uxꝰ ejus unanimi assensu ꝛ consilio venerunt coram Baronibʒ dederunt ꝛ concesserunt ꝛ carta sua confirmaverunt Cecilie quondam uxōi. Riči Lorymarii. quandam ꝛram suam cum edificiis ꝛ ptinenč infra muros Civitatis Dubłn in vico Castri in pochia sče Warburge. Illam scilicet que jacet inꝰ ꝛram. que fuit Reginaldi de Kylmaynan ex una pte. ꝛ ꝛram ubi fuit Escambiū dñi Reğ ex alꝰa ꝛ continet in fronte anteriori Tˡginta ꝛ sex pedes; pᵒtterius vero Tˡginta ꝛ duos pedes. ꝛ extendit se in longitudine a vico usqꝫ ad Eccłam sče Werburge. Tenend ꝛ hab dčam ꝛram cū edificiis ꝛ ptinenciis p̄dče Cecilie ꝛ heredibʒ suis sive assignatis de p̄dčis Ada ꝛ Cecilia ꝛ eoꝝ heredibʒ. libe ꝛ quiete bene ꝛ in pace. integre ꝛ plenarie hereditabiliŧ inppetuū. Reddendo inde annuatim dča Cecilia ꝛ heredes sui vł assigñ. p̄dčis Ade ꝛ Cecilie ꝛ eoꝝ heredibʒ unū par albarum cyrothecaꝝ p̄cii uniᵒ deñ. vł unum deñ. ad Pascł̄. ET capitali dnō illius teneñti viginti duos solidos. ad qᵃtuor anni ꝛiōs. videlicet ad Nativiŧ sči Johis Bape quinqꝫ soł. ꝛ sex đen ad festum sči Michis quinqꝫ soł ꝛ sex deñ. ad Natale dñi. quinqꝫ soł ꝛ sex deñ. ꝛ ad Pascł̄. quinqꝫ soł ꝛ sex. đ. p oⁿi ꝛvicio exaccōne ꝛ demanda salvo Landgabło dñi regis. p hac autem donacōne cōcessione ꝛ confirmacōne. p̄dcā Cecilia dedit p̄dcis Ade ꝛ Cecilie quandam sūmam pecunie p̄ manibʒ. Quare p̄dcī Ada ꝛ Cecilia ꝛ eoꝝ heredes. dcām ꝛrā cū ptinēnc p̄dcē Cecilie ꝛ heredibʒ suis. sive assignaī contª omnes homines ꝛ feminas. plenarie Warantizabunt inppetuū. ET ut hec sua donačo concessio ꝛ Carte sue confirmačo. ppetue firmitatis robur optineant cartā p̄dče Cecilie. Sigilloꝝ suoꝝ inp̄ssionibʒ roborav̄unt. que hoc testatur. p̄ testimoñ. Vincencii Taḃnarii tūc majoris Dublñ. Walꝰti Unred ꝛ Hugonis Cissoris tūc p̄pōiŧ. Elyē Burel. Riči Olof. Thom̄ de Wyntoñ. Reymundi pictaveñs. Simonis Unred. Willi de Stafford. Regiñ de Kylmaynan. Waltī le Orbatur. Gaffr̄ pictoris. Berr̄ pict[. . . Willi de Dounghtōn ctici. ꝛ alioꝝ.

No. 2.

[Ex Rot. 15 Ed. I.]

s. ff. **Reginaldus Brun** ꝛ Johes de Taxagard collectores pˢse vinoꝝ in villa de Drocheda. r̄ comp̄ de LXXVII. łi. VI. š. VIII. denar̄. p prisa. LVIII doleoꝝ vini venientiū in eadem villa. a festo ßi Michis anno. RR E. XIII°. usqꝫ ad idem festum anno RR ejusdem. XVI° p qualibet prisa IIII°ʳ. mar̄. sicut continē in roˡᵒ de eisdem prisis quē Iidem Regīn ꝛ Johes. lib ad sᵃccm. In thrᵃo lib. Et Quieti . . . Suñt . . . . . s Debita que continenŧ in roˡᵒ R. R. E. IIII^to nō sunt ī hoc roˡᵒ. . . . . Theobaldus le Botiller comp̄ de eadem prisa. apud Dubliñ. Drocheda. Walꝰford. Dungarvan. Yochill ꝛ Lymer̄ a festo ßi Michis. anno. RR. E. XIᵉ usqꝫ ad idem festū. anno RR ejᵒdm. XIII°.

No. 3.

[Ex Rot. 45 & 46 Hen. III. in offic. Remem. Thes. Scac. Hib.]

ff. **Compotus Robꝰti Gelus.** De deñ receptis ad sccᵃrm Dubłn. in ꝛiō sči Hillar̄ anno XLIIII. p manus venabiŧ prīs. H. Ossor̄ Epī tunc Theš Hyḃn ad castra de Rath ꝛ Knocferg. ꝛ virid castr. emendend. p visum ꝛ testimoñ David Silvestr̄. Hug̃ le Paumer. Burgenš de Karlyngford. Walꝰti Santivell ꝛ Willi fiŧ Ricī.

Idem Robtus. r̄ cpoī. de. XX. mar̄. receptis de thrᵃo Dñi E. p manus p̄dči H. Ossōr Epī ad p̄dča castra emendand. In thrᵃo nichil. Et in Gistis. Planchiis. Gutꝰiis Cendulis. Virgis. Bordis. ꝛ alio ꝛemio ad hurd faciend ad viride castrum. empī in Bosco ꝛ in Kariagio p̄dcōꝝ gistaꝝ. ꝛ alioꝝ a Bosco tam. p ꝛram qᵃm p aqᵃm. LXV š. Et in carpentar̄. opantibʒ p̄dčm ꝛemiū cendulas ꝛ alia ꝛ in aula turris cendulis suᵃpdčis chopiente. XXXVII. š. V dēn. Et in XXVI pedibʒ plumbi empī apd Drocheđ ꝛ in cariagio ejusdem a Drocheđ usqꝫ viride castr ad opus ejusdem. XLVIII. š. IIII. dēn. ob. Et Plumbatori fundenti p̄dčm plumbum ꝛ ejus auxiliis. V. š. IX. dēn. Et in XL. cranōc calcis empī apud Karlyngford. ꝛ in cariagio ejusd a Karlyngford usqꝫ ad idem castr̄ ad opᵒ ejusd. XII. š. VII. dēn. Et qᵃdratoribʒ opantibʒ in qᵃdrario ad eruand petram. ad construccōnē ejusd castr̄. XII. š. VI. đ. Et p sablone ꝛ aqua ducend. ad morꝛium faciend ad idem ꝛ tractand a mari usqꝫ ad castr̄. ꝛ oparіis facientibʒ morꝛium. XVI. š. V. deñ. Et in duabʒ Bendis ꝛ XII. sptutis ferri. emptis ꝛ in fabricacōne III. Crovoꝝ. IIII. ligonū. V. Coynoꝝ. II. mallioꝝ. ꝛ XX. spikyngoꝝ. de mediocri forma. ꝛ. CCCC. spikyngoꝝ de minori forma. ꝛ. MM. minoꝝ clavoꝝ. XIX. š. V. deñ. Et quibʒdam Hyḃnicis ibid p salvo conductu haḃ. cum ꝛemio p̄dcō. a Bosco usqꝫ ad castrum p̄dčm. II. š. VII. đ ob. Et in ꝛemio empto. ad Januas castr̄ de Rath repandas ꝛ in cariagio ꝛ carpn̄to. ejusd ꝛemii. XV. š. VIII. deñ. Et in liḃa petra empta. apd Duñ. ꝛ p cariagio ejusd. a Duno usqꝫ ad castrū de Rath. ad opᵒ ejus castˡ. II. š. IIII. đ ob. Et Cementār opantibʒ eandem petᵃm. ꝛ assedentibʒ eam. in Januis ꝛ Hostio turris ejusd. castˡ. V. š. IIII. deñ. Et in. II. bend ferri. empī apd Drocheđ ꝛ ductis ad idem castrū ad repacom̄ dcāꝝ portaꝝ. VIII. š. IIII. đ. Et cuidā fabro fabricanti p̄dcm̄ ferrum. ꝛ in ejus auxiliis tam in carbone qᵃm ceꝛis. VIII. š. V. deñ Et p. I. cabla. empta ibid. II. š. I. đ. Et p plumbo ibid empī. dim̄. mar̄. Smᵃ XIII. łi. VIII. š. X. deñ ob. Et łit de supplus. II. š. II. deñ ob.

N.o 1.

Cheal Ceallaċ
quondam Cly
Ceall Lon
y

Ceilla quondam Cly Cia le Lorimer Dy dim. vr no Saturay in mudguo ꝓo. ꝺ̄ Ada fil Pegr de Hy Breams & Ceilla fil Pet de Clapi. Cly eius Guidonē assensu & consilio Cuequnt eadm
Cuponibꝫ dederunt & concessernt & carta sua confirmauerunt Ceallę quondam Cli. Cia Lorimarii. quandam dom̄ sitam cum edificiis & pertinē missa gurges Civitatis Dublin in Vico castri
in pochia scē Mariæ super-fluuiam scilicet que iacet int̄ Cellę. quę fuit Reginaldi de Hy Madyadn cy Suid ꝑte. & dom̄ Cli fuit Estrabiti dim̄ Reg cy Alda & contines fundum ꝺ̄ Cellę
& Cly pedes. ꝓcepius Cepo Cyared & duos pedes. & extendit se in longitudine a Vico usq; ad Ecclam scē Werburgę. Tenend & hab. dom̄ dom̄ cū edificiis & pertinentiis ꝑdē Ceallę & heredibꝫ
suis sine assignatis. de ꝑdis Ada & Ceilla & eoꝝ heredibꝫ. libe & quiēte bene & in pace. integre & plenarie hereditabiliter imperpetuū. Reddendo inde annuatim ꝺ̄ Ceilla & heredes sui ꝺ̄ Ada
ꝑdas Rede & Ceilie & eoꝝ heredibꝫ cum ꝑtin. albarum cyrotheciy ꝑdi Cli ꝺ̄ int̄ Cly ꝺ̄ ad Pascha. Et capitali dno illius tenemē Cigurā duos solidos. ad festū
scī Mich Capē quinq; sol & Cly den. ad festum scī Andree quinq; sol & Cly ꝺ̄. ad festū Nat dn̄i quinq; sol & Cly ꝺ̄. & ad Pascha quinq; sol & Cly ꝺ̄. & ad festū
dn̄i pentecost. ꝑ hoc autem dom̄ cōe recognouit & confirmauit cōe. ꝑdicta Ceilla ꝺ̄ dedit ꝑdis Ade & Ceilie quandam Summam pecunie pruinabiz. Et ut hec ꝑdicta Ada & Ceilla & eoꝝ heredes. dom̄ Ysa ea promēt
ꝑdē Ceilie & heredibꝫ suis. sine assignatis cum omnes homines & feminę. plenarie Wyntracabunt imperpetuū. Et Volens quod dicta concessio & carta sua confirmata. ꝑpetue firmitatis robur. optineant
carta ꝑdē Ceilie. sigillo suo impressionis roborandum. quę hoc testatur. ꝑ testimon. Vincencii Tabardū tūc gerentis Dublin. Galfi Cyred & Hugonis Cassaris tūc ppositi. Elye Cupel. Cia Olaf
filium de Wyntoū. Reginaldi predicti. Simonis Cyred. Wilti de Strassord. Reginaldi de Hy Madyadn. Wilti le Orbatay. Galfi priorus & Wilti de Donglass clici. & alioꝝ.

N.o 2.

Pipa. Reginaldus Wynn & Johes de Cadragayd collectores ꝑsē Vnoꝝ m Villa de Drocheda ꝑ tomp de Lxxxvij li. vj s. & Vnj denar ꝑ pusa. Vnj dolcoꝝ Comunitatū in eadem Villa a festo Si Michis anno xxx E. xnj.
Usq ad idem festum anno xxxj sequenti xlvj li. ꝑ qualiber pusa iiij mar. Quar continē mꝰ de eadem pusis quę sedem Reginaldus & Johes liberabunt Thesaurio Johi de Cadragayd

Et Debet que continent mꝰ xxx E. xnj ad Quar Sci Mich ꝺ̄ ꝓo.

Probaldus le Dorlley comp de eadem pusa apud Dublin. Drocheda. Cadford. Dungarvan. Yoghil & Limer a festo Si Michis anno xxx Exj. Usq ad idem festū anno xxxx. eidem xnj.

N.o 3.

Compotus Roberti Gebus. de den perceptis ad scacm Dublin. mcio sci Hillar anno Rm. ꝑ manus Reginaldi Cadel. Cly Osbi Epi tunc Cches Hybnie ad castra de Ath & Knocfergus
& Cyrid castri emendend. ꝑ Visum & testimon Dauid Olneffi. Thome le Panner. Burgens de Karlingford. Walti Gannett & Walti fit Ric.

Idem Robertus ꝓpon de xx. mar. ꝑceptis de thes. dm E. p manus ꝑdē Cly Osbi Epi ad ꝑdca castra emendand. In thes nichil Et in Cistis ꝑplanchus. Cuccus cendulis. Cyrgis Bordic.
& alio genio ad hardez faciend. ad Cyrde castrum empt in Bosco & in Kardagio ꝑdcm Cistar & aliozz a Bosco usq; ꝑ Limer ꝑ aqm. Ye G. S. Et in expensis Operariz ꝑdcm Domus cendulas & alia
indusia cupris cendulis supdcis chopiente. xxxlvj. S. G. den. Et in xxlvj pedibz plumbi empt apud Drocheda & in cardagio eiusdem a Drocheda usq; Cyrde castri ad opus eiusdem. xl Cly. S. uij. den ob. Et
plumbatores fundend ꝑdcm plumbum & eius Auxiliis. G. S. ij. den. Et in xl cranoꝝ calcis empt apud Kaslyngford & in cardagio eiusd a Kaslyngford usq; ad idem castr ad op eiusd. xl. S. Cly. den.
Et diuersis operariis in diuersis locis ad eundem per dm ad constructionem eiusd castri. xij. S. vj. d. Et ꝑ sablone & aqua ducend. ad gardinum. fanend ad idem & reparand a gabi usq; de castr. & operibus
faciendis gardinum. xlvj. S. G. den. Et in duabz bendis & xij speruris ferri. emptis & misabricatione ij. Clouoꝝ. uij. ligonū. G. Coynoꝝ. ij. malliorum. & xx. spikingoꝝ. de mediocri formā. & cccc. spikingoꝝ.
de minori formā. & ccc. Clouoꝝ dimoꝝ. xxv. S. G. den. Et cmbz dam hybernicis ibid ꝑ Gallio conducti hab. cum Cyrno ꝑdcm. a Bosco usq; ad castrum ꝑdcm. ij. S. Cly. d ob. Et in Cirno empto ad sumas
castri de Ath ꝓpandas & in cardagio & apportand eisd Cirnū. xlv. S. Cly. den. Et in libra picis empt apud dim. & ꝑ cardagio eiusd a Dimo usq; ad castrum de Ath. ad op eius castri. ij. S. uij. d ob. Et in Cirno empto ad sumas
operandi eisdem. picem. & assedendi eidm. insanias & hastia cupris eiusd castri. S. G. S. uij. den. Et in. ij. bend ferri. empt apud Drocheda & ductis ad idem castrum ad ꝓpandum dict. porcar. Cly. S. uj. d. ob. Et unda
fabro fabricanti ꝑdcm ferrum. & in eius Auxiliis cum in carbone quit ceteris Cly. S. G. den. Et ꝑ j. cabla empt ibid. ij. S. j. d. Et ꝑ plumbo empto dicti mag. Cly. S. G. den ob. Et de
de cupplis. ij. S. ij den. ob.

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2. PARLIAMENTARY RECORD OFFICE.

ANSWERS, by the Keeper of the Parliamentary Records of Ireland, to the QUERIES directed to him by the Commissioners on the Public Records.

(1.)—THE following is a List of the Records of the House of Lords, during the Parliaments held in Ireland, commencing in 1634, and ending in 1800:

Accounts, Public.
Addresses and Answers.
Affidavits.
Appeals, and Proceedings thereon.
Bills, Drafts and Heads of Bills, Original Rolls of public and private Acts, and some Transmisses.
Commissions.
Complaints.
Evidence, Copies of, before Committees.
Journals, original, commencing in 1634, and ending in 1800, - - - - - but with the chasms appearing in the Records as herein after—Transcripts to 1795.—The transcribing of the original Journals was, by Resolution of the House, discontinued in February 1796.—The original Journal of 1634 was lost many years back, but not till after the Lords had their Journals transcribed, so that, as there was a Standing Committee of their Lordships for inspecting the Journals, the House recognized the Transcript of the Journal of 1634, as an authentic Record of Parliament,
Letters, public and private.
Minute Books.
Opinions of Judges.
Orders of House, original Rolls thereof; and various Orders on different subjects.
Patents.
Peerage, Records relating to Claims of.
Peers, Records relating to Trials of.
Petitions.
Protests.
Reference of Cardinal Imperiali.
Reports of different kinds.
Returns of - d°.
State Papers, Treaties of Peace, &c.
Writs of Error, and Proceedings thereon.
Writs of Summons.

The period of time, to which each sort of Record relates, cannot be exactly stated prior to the general Arrangement:—However, the dates at large of them, and the chasms, will appear by the following Statement of years; among the Records, the Chasms are accounted for by the intervals of the Sittings of Parliament.

1634 - - to - - 1635 inclusive.	1719.
1639 - - — - - 1640.	1721.
1642 - - — - - 1645.	1723.
1661 - - — - - 1662.	1725.
1665.	1727 - - to - - 1731.
1692.	1731 - - — - - 1737.
1695 - - — - - 1696.	1739.
1698.	1741.
1703 - - — - - 1705.	1743.
1707.	1745 - - — - - 1767.
1709 - - — - - 1711.	1769.
1713.	1771 - - — - - 1800.
1715 - - — - - 1717.	

APPENDIX.

2. Parliamentary Record Office.

The following is a List of the Records of the House of Commons, commencing in 1613 and ending in 1800, with the like Chasms from 1634, as in those of the House of Lords:

Accounts, public, from 1695 to 1800, inclusive.
Addresses and Answers, from 1634 to 1800.
Anomalous Papers, Maps and Plans, from 1634 to 1777.
Bills, Heads of, and Copies, from 1634 to 1783-4; and Copies of, from 1784 to 1800.
Evidence, Copies of, before Committees.
Elections, Controverted, Papers and Books relating to Proceedings thereon.
Journals, Original, Transcripts, and printed Copies.
Petitions, from 1634 to 1800.
Reports of different kinds, from 1692 to 1764.
Returns, from 1695 to 1800.

In the present state of the Parliamentary Records, and they being so very numerous, it is impossible to give a more full and distinct answer than the foregoing, without devoting much time for that purpose.—The arranging and indexing of the Records will afford all the information required, without devoting any time for the particular purpose of obtaining such.

(2.)—The Records are in rooms in the house No. 35 Anglesea-street, partly occupied by the Board of Works. The house is insecure; but not much more so than most private houses; and it has been determined on by Government, and attended to by the Board of Works, that, as soon as there can be a proper place got for the said Board to meet in, the entire of the house, No. 35 Anglesea-street, is to be given up for the keeping of the Records: by which means there will be sufficient room for making arrangements and forming Indexes, as also for a Resident in charge of the keys to keep the rooms clean and aired, and give alarm in case of fire; for which purposes of preservation, there was not any person appointed since the Records were removed from the Parliament House; and the Records have as yet escaped from fire, and in general are in good preservation; several have been materially injured by remaining deposited in rooms for eight years, without cleaning or airing: the house is rented by Government.

(3.)—The Records of the House of Lords were thrown into great confusion, when removing from the Parliament House, because neither the Keeper of the Records, nor the Officer then immediately in charge of them, got notice to superintend their removal; but they have been since in some degree arranged, and the greater part of them sorted into Boxes.

Those of the House of Commons were moved in a tolerable degree of order, though they were also moved without the proper superintendence as above.

(4.)—There are Schedules to part of the Records of the House of Commons, but not at all of such a nature as to answer for a general Index; as most of them were formed for Office-use in the routine of Sessional business. There are not any Catalogues, Calendars, Schedules, or Repertories, or any Indexes, to the Records of the House of Lords, except the Journals of that House.

A General Index to all the Records of both Houses will be of the greatest utility, as the Records can be resorted to with facility; whereas heretofore from the length of time, and the labour attending searches, and the charge in proportion, individuals have been deterred from referring to them.

The assiduous attention of two persons, with the occasional help of a third, as also the occasional attendance of a Porter (the Porter only for the first four months lifting and cleaning the Records) would be necessary for 3 years, to arrange the entire, and make a General Index thereto.

(5.)—Messrs. Thomas Taylor and Theobald Rd O'Flaherty, have been appointed joint Deputies by Edward Cooke, Esquire, for the custody of the Records; and approved of by the Lord Lieutenant.

The Deputies are not allowed any Salary by Government.

There are not any fixed hours of attendance; but, were the Records properly arranged, and in a place with suitable accommodation, (sufficient rooms kept cleaned and aired) regular hours of attendance would be established. At present the charge made for any Search is in proportion to the time and labour it may require.

The Fee for an ordinary Search is 5*s.* British, and for an attested copy 1*s.* for each office sheet, and 2*s.* attesting the copy. Attendance with a Record in evidence, one guinea per day.

The average of the entire Fees for the three years ending the 18th day of September 1810, amounts to £. 1. 9*s.* 0*d.*: There has not been any Fee received since.

Mr. O'Flaherty has been in possession of the key of the rooms where the Records are lodged, and attended whenever a Search was required; as also to give out sets of the Irish Statutes and Journals to Peers, Members of Parliament, and public Officers entitled thereto.

(7.)—In the last three years and a half there have been made six searches, one attested copy, and two or three unattested copies.

(8.)—

(8.)—No alteration has taken place in the contents of the Office since the period mentioned, but that the Records have been in some degree sorted, and the greater part of them arranged in boxes; and such of them as were in the upper part of said House have been brought down to the room below; because some of the walls, and part of the floors above, (notwithstanding several props) were giving way.

These arrangements were made at the expense of the Keeper of the Records (excepting the expense of the boxes which was defrayed by Government;) and further arrangements would have been made, if a sufficient number of boxes could have been got, and proper accommodation for persons to attend.

(9.)—In addition to the expected accommodation in respect to room and care, herein before mentioned, it would be necessary to have boxes made for the remainder of the Records, and then they may be considered to be in as great a state of safety as they can be, till a Public Building is provided for their reception, fire and water proof; and also it will be necessary to have an order for such complement of Stationary, as the indexing would require.

E. Cooke,
Clerk of Records.

3. REGISTRY FOR DEEDS, &c.

ANSWERS to the QUERIES, put by The Right Honourable the Commissioners on the Public Records in Ireland to the Public Register of Deeds, Wills, and so forth.

(1.)—IN the custody of the Public Register of Deeds, Wills, and so forth, or his Deputy or Deputies, are all original Memorials of Deeds, Wills, and other instruments registered in the Register's Office; full copies of said Memorials entered in parchment books, and alphabetical calendars, as well of the Parties' Names, as of the Denominations of Lands comprised in said Memorials, from the first establishment of the Office in 1708, to the present day. In the series of these Records, &c. there is not any chasm; the number of Files of original Memorials, as also of the books of Entries and Calendars, being complete. But both one and the other have suffered some individual injuries, by reason of the accidents to which from time to time they have been subject, since the year 1708. Within the memory of the present Officers, two accidental fires broke out in buildings contiguous, (but not belonging to the Register's Office,) during the time it was kept in the lower Castle Yard; which necessarily had the effect of exposing its contents to the casualties likely to occur on such occasions.

(2.)—The said Records, &c. are lodged in part of a ground floor of one of the public buildings attached to the Four Courts, on the King's-Inns Quay. They are here well secured from accidental fire; from malicious mischief, they are not perfectly so, inasmuch as the windows of the apartments in which they are lodged open upon premises not in the power of the Officers; and, since their removal from the lower Castle Yard, they are unprotected by any military guard whatever, which is a matter deserving serious consideration. With respect to the accommodation possessed by the Office in this building, I consider it by no means adequate to the extent of its establishment; and from the progressive increase of its contents, it must soon experience great inconvenience from want of room.

(3.)—The said Records, &c. are, generally speaking, in a state of good preservation, with the exceptions stated in the answer to the first Quere, as also of the Calendars, and principally those of the denominations of Lands, which in many places are much injured by obliterations arising from time and use, whereby some parts of the same are rendered almost, and others totally illegible. The original Memorials are arranged in Files of 300 each, in numerical order, according to the respective dates of their registry. The parchment books, containing copies of them, are arranged in numerical order. The Calendars of Parties' Names are arranged, from the year 1708 to the year 1785, in simple alphabetical order, and from the year 1785 to the present day, in dictionary order. The Calendars of Denominations of Lands are arranged in alphabetical order, according to the counties, cities, and corporate towns in which the Lands respectively lie.

(4.)—The Calendars of Parties' Names and Denominations of Land are, in themselves, general Catalogues or Repertories, as well of the original Memorials, as of the books into which they are copied. There are no other particular Indexes to each sort. These Calendars are generally kept complete to within a short period of the current day, and are continually advancing to completion, in the progressive course of official business. But there is one serious defect, to which the Calendars of Parties' Names, from the establishment of the Office to the year 1785, is subject; namely, their having been, previously to that period, kept merely in alphabetical order, according to the dates of their entries, without reference to any other classification. This defect is more particularly detailed in my Memorial upon that subject, submitted to His Grace the Lord Lieutenant in January 1809, and to which I beg leave to refer. In the important work mentioned in my said Memorial, this defect is so completely cured, as to render it an invaluable substitute for the public Calendars previous to the

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the year 1785. This work is now in my possession, as executor to my father; and, having been appointed Deputy Register on his death, I have since continued to accommodate the Public with the use of it. In my Memorial, I have stated my willingness to transfer all private right thereto on fair and equitable terms.

(5.)—The general custody of the Records, &c. is in the Deputy, under whose key they are all (with occasional exceptions) locked, on closing the Office each day; but from the opening to the closing of the Office each day, namely, between the hours of ten and four, their custody and arrangement under the Deputy's superintendence are, from time to time, as occasion requires, committed to the several Clerks employed in their respective branches, who are charged with the care of all such as they are employed about at the time. These Clerks are all paid by the Register, and therefore have no annual salary, allowances or emoluments, paid to them by the Public, so that no account exists of the net annual amount thereof.

(6.)—There are two Clerks charged with the general care of the said Records, &c. whose duty it is to see that they are duly and fairly restored to their proper places; but their duty and employment not being confined to this, and the whole being under the superintendence of the Deputy, their office has no particular name. Besides this, every Clerk in the Office, whose business leads him to the occasional use of said Records, &c. &c. is charged with the care of duly and fairly restoring them to their proper places, when such business is finished.

(7.)—From the great variety of Searches, and Abstracts of different kinds, made by the Officers and Clerks in the Office; and the still greater number of Searches and Abstracts made and taken by persons not belonging to the Office, it is quite impossible to attempt (with any degree of correctness) a statement of the *number* of Searches, Certificates and Copies, made in the periods required.

(8.)—I have no knowledge of any alteration in the Contents of this Office, except what arises from the daily influx of Memorials registered therein; and the consequent increase of the Entries of the same, and of the Calendars of Parties' Names and Denominations of Lands; nor of any alteration in the arrangement or condition thereof, except what I have already stated.

(9.)—In myMemorial before mentioned, I have submitted the expediency of securing, for the perpetual use of the Public, the work mentioned in my Answer to the 4th Quere. With respect to the Calendars of Denominations of Lands, (from what I have before stated relative to the casualties and obliterations they have suffered, together with various omissions, which I understand to have taken place during the times of former Registers) sufficient reliance cannot be placed upon Searches made in them; and it certainly would be most highly expedient that these should undergo a general revision and correction, or that a new set should be compiled, either of which would require considerable Parliamentary aid. But though the expense would be great, I think the Public would be more than amply compensated by the result.

George Moore, Dep. Reg.

Register's Office,
King's-Inns Quay.

MEMORIAL, referred to in the foregoing RETURN.

To His Grace, &c. &c.

The Memorial of George Moore, Deputy Register, and Executor of the late John Moore, Deputy Register;

Humbly Sheweth,

That in the year 1708, by a Statute of the Irish Parliament passed in that year, requiring and regulating the Registry of all Deeds and Conveyances affecting landed property in the Kingdom of Ireland, a public Office was established for that purpose, in the City of Dublin, wherein Memorials of all such Deeds and Conveyances were thenceforward registered, and entered pursuant to said Statute.

In order to promote the main object of the said Statute, by leading to a prompt and easy inspection of all such Memorials as were registered thereunder, and by facilitating the public Searches respecting the same, the Register or his Deputy was by the said Statute required to make and keep an alphabetical Calendar or Registry of the Parties' Names to all Memorials so registered, with references to book, page and number, in which each was entered or registered; and which Calendar or Registry was accordingly made and kept by all succeeding Registers or their Deputies, of all Memorials registered during the times they respectively held the said Office.

That the said Statute requiring the said Calendar to be made and kept in merely alphabetical order, the same had accordingly been made out by entering, in a confused way, all those Names of the same initial letter under the head of such letter respectively, just as they happened to occur, without reference to any other classification which might lead at once to the particular Memorial or Memorials sought after; the consequence of which mode of making and keeping the said Calendar was, that in all Searches after Parties' Names, it became necessary to read over every name in the Registry of the same initial letter, with all their references, which happened to be registered prior to that searched for.

That

That for some years after the establishment of the said Office, from the comparative fewness of Registries that then occurred, the defect of this mode of making out and keeping the said Calendar, was not severely felt; and no other mode being required by the said Statute, it was still persevered in; but, each succeeding year having brought a progressive accumulation of Names into the said Calendar, the number thereof under each initial letter increased so much, that in process of time, every particular search made by the Public in the said office, became a work of tedious labour.

That, in and previous to the year 1784, the inconvenience, difficulty and delay encountered by the Public in their searches and inspection of the Records of the said Office, (by reason of the said imperfection in the said Calendar) had risen to such a pitch, that the most serious embarrassments were thrown in the way of Public business; and Your Memorialist's Father, (the late John Moore, Esq.) having in that year been appointed Deputy Register, he soon became deeply impressed with the great mischief that had originated in, and increased by, the former mode of making and keeping the said Calendar, (though no blame was imputable to any of his predecessors in the said Office, upon that score) inasmuch as the said Calendar was kept in strict pursuance of the said Statute; nor was he bound to make or keep it in any other manner, nor in anywise called upon to alter what had been done before his appointment to the said Office.

That the said John Moore, after applying himself with unremitting attention to remedy this imperfection, struck out a mode of entering the Parties' names in future, whereby they were arranged in such a manner, as greatly to facilitate the business of the Public. But, the old Calendar or Registry still remaining subject to the imperfection already adverted to, the advantage of the improvement invented by him, though certain, and increasing every year, would still have been felt but in a partial degree, had it been confined to future Registries.

That under this impression, the said John Moore conceived a plan of making out a Transcript or Duplicate of the old Calendars or Registries, and of applying the principle of his improvement and invention to the same; and accordingly, with a view both of relieving the Public from the great and frequent embarrassments in which they had hitherto been involved, and in full confidence of valuable compensation to his Family in the event of his death or removal from the said deputation, he, at his own expense, in the year 1786, commenced a Work of great importance and extent, comprising the labours of all his Predecessors; which occupied him upwards of five years in bringing it to completion, during all which time he devoted to it the most unwearied assiduity and labour, and expended a very great proportion of his own pecuniary resources, both in the materials of the said work, and in the payment of numerous Clerks whom he employed especially for the purpose.

That this Work consists of 126 folio volumes, and contains a complete Transcript or Duplicate of the old Calendars or Registries of Parties' names, from the first establishment of the Register's Office, to the year 1786, (being the period at which he commenced the undertaking) but compiled and arranged in such a manner, in periods, as that all those of the same name, Christian as well as surname, are brought together and classed regularly under their respective heads, and those heads arranged, not merely in alphabetical, but in dictionary order; so that at one view, and in one moment, can now be traced, what in the old Calendars or Registries might be the labour of hours, and, in many cases, days.

That the said John Moore having completed the said compilations about the close of the year 1791; he accommodated the Public with the use thereof during his life-time, at a certain trifling fee for each inspection; and from the accuracy and precision with which this work was arranged, and its great superiority over the original Calendars or Registries of Parties' names, the Public convenience attending it was so greatly and rapidly felt, that in a very short time they were exclusively resorted to by the Public; and the said original Calendars having thus become gradually and wholly disused, have been thereby preserved from total obliteration, which in many places had begun to take place, from the weakness of the ink, by time and use, which must have seriously increased, had they been continued to be resorted to till the present time, and which must ultimately ensue, unless the said Compilations shall be continued to the use of the Public in the said Register's Office.

That the said John Moore, during his life-time, made out, arranged and kept the subsequent Calendars or Registries of Parties' names, upon the same principle, and in the same order as the said compilations; which has prevented the increase, and will prevent the recurrence of the mischief theretofore so severely felt by the Public, although such arrangement has been made with a great increase of labour, beyond what the said Statute requires the Register or his Deputy to bestow thereon. And Your Memorialist, having, on the death of his Father the said John Moore, been appointed his successor in the said Office, he not only continued the principle of the said arrangement, but has also continued to accommodate the Public with the use of the said Compilations for the same trifling Fee theretofore received by his Father.

That Your Memorialist is the only surviving Executor of the said John Moore; and being willing and desirous to transfer all claim, as such Executor, upon them, to the Public, upon fair and equitable terms; and sensible of their great importance and utility, and of the absolute necessity of preserving them for the use of the Public in the Register's Office; Your Memorialist humbly submits it to the consideration of Your Grace, that Your Grace would render a most essential service to the Kingdom at large, by securing and perpetuating to

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the Public the benefit of the said Compilations, inasmuch as the Register's Office is the most important public Office in Ireland; and to facilitate the searches by the Public in which, must consequently be an object worthy of the most serious public attention.

That Your Memorialist has been repeatedly, and is now, urged by the most numerous and respectable portion of that great professional Body in Ireland, who, from having the most frequent occasion, on behalf of the Public, to resort to the said Compilations, are the best qualified to estimate their value, and (comprising all his Majesty's Solicitors for the various departments of the State) to bring them forward to public consideration; and in consequence thereof, Your Memorialist now hereby offers to dispose of the said Compilations, for the perpetual use of the Public, upon such terms as shall appear fair and equitable to Your Grace, taking into consideration the merit of the discovery, the unremitting labour and attention, during so long a period, of Your Memorialist's Father in completing the same, the large sums of money expended by him therein, and their important value to the Public. And Your Memorialist humbly submits, that it should not be thrown out of consideration, the circumstance of all the Calendars or Registries of Parties' names, subsequent to the year 1786, having been made up and kept arranged on the same principle, and in the same order, as the said Compilations; and that some additional compensation is justly due for doing away the necessity of future improvement.

That Your Memorialist humbly relies on such offer meeting the favourable consideration of Your Grace; and is strengthened in such reliance, by the circumstance of the prayed for Remuneration being not wholly without precedent in the Kingdom of Ireland, as may be proved by reference being had to the Office of the Auditor General of that Kingdom.

May it therefore please Your Grace, to direct such investigation as Your Grace may think fit, for the puspose of ascertaining the value and utility of the said Compilations, and the expediency of taking the necessary steps to appropriate them to the use and benefit of the Public for ever.

II.—Offices of State.

4. STATE PAPER OFFICE.

Chief Secretary's Office,
Dublin Castle, 24th December 1810.

4. State Paper Office.

SIR,

IN answer to the several QUERIES, which accompanied your Letter of the 18th September 1810, I am to observe,—That there are no Records, Rolls, Instruments, Registers, or Manuscript Books of any kind, belonging to the Keeper of the State Papers. There has always been a person in the Office for the Civil Department of the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant, appointed Deputy to the Keeper of the State Papers, who, upon applications for copies of documents from the Books in the said Office, with the consent of the Chief or Under Secretary of the Lord Lieutenant, furnishes those copies. This is all the duty executed in the department of the said Keeper of State Papers. For the description of the Books before mentioned, and under whose care they are, I beg leave to refer you to a Return that will be made by William Taylor, Esquire, First and Chief Clerk in the said Chief Secretary's Office.

I am, Sir, &c. &c.

Peter Le Bas,
Deputy Keeper of State Papers.

Wm Shaw Mason, Esquire,
&c. &c. &c.

ANSWERS to the QUERIES of the Commissioners on the Public Records in Ireland, from the Office of the Chief Secretary of the Lord Lieutenant, Civil Department.

(1.)—THERE are in this Office many volumes of Manuscript Books, in which are entered the several Orders, Warrants, and Letters of the Chief Governors of Ireland, and of their Secretaries; they commence in 1697, and are continued, without interruption, to the present time.

The Books have, at different periods, been distinguished by different names. The arrangement at present is,—1st. The King's Letter Book; in which are entered all Letters signed by the King. The original Letters are also preserved in the Office.—2d. The Government Correspondence; in which all public Official Letters to the several Offices in England are entered, with the Answers.—3d. The Country Letter Book; containing Letters written to various persons, and to all Offices in Ireland, that are not entered in particular Books appointed for such Offices, viz. the Treasury, Customs, Excise, Stamps, Post Office, and Police, which have

have separate Books for the Correspondence with those Offices respectively.—4th. The Ecclesiastical Affair Book; containing all Warrants for Presentations and Promotions in the Church, and all Instruments relating to Ecclesiastical Affairs, in which the Government are parties.—5th. The Civil Affair Book; in which are entered all Warrants signed by the Chief Governor for Grants of Offices, Pardons, &c. &c. not entered in the Books for particular departments, as before-mentioned.

There are some other Books in the Office; in which are entered Petitions for Grants to hold Fairs and Markets, Licences for Counsel, References, &c. which are sometimes entered short, the original Papers being preserved in the Office.

(2.)—The Books and Papers before-mentioned, are all in the Office of the Chief Secretary of the Lord Lieutenant, in the Castle of Dublin.

(3.)—The Books and Papers are in a good state of preservation, and all Papers of consequence arranged in proper order.

(4.)—There are no general Catalogues, Calendars, or Schedules; each Book has an Index, which is found sufficient, and no other Index or Catalogue seems to be necessary.

(5.)—No particular Person is appointed to take charge of the Books and Papers; they are, with the Apartments, under the care of the Office-keeper. Searches are not allowed to be made, but by particular direction of the Chief or Under Secretary; and when permission is given to make search, or obtain a copy of any Instrument or Letter from the Office Books, the Deputy Clerk of the Paper Office, who is also a Clerk in the Secretary's Office, is the Person to make the search or give the copy applied for.

(6.)—Nothing seems necessary to be done at present, to render the Books and Papers of the Chief Secretary's Office of more use or convenience to the Public; but, as they are accumulating very fast, it may, hereafter, be requisite to provide a place contiguous to the Office, to which the Books and Papers not immediately in use, may be removed and arranged.

Charles Saxton.

Chief Secretary's Office, Dublin Castle,
29th June 1811.

5. PRIVY COUNCIL OFFICE.

RETURN from the Privy Council Office, to QUERIES directed by the Commissioners on the Public Records in Ireland.

Council Office, Dublin, 31st January 1811.

(1.)—THERE are not, in the custody of the Deputy Clerks of the Council, any original Records, Rolls, Instruments, Registers, or manuscript Books and Papers, containing any acts or proceedings by Royal, Parliamentary, Judicial, or other Public authority, other than the Books and Papers containing the Proceedings of the Privy Council; which commence in the year 1711, and are continued (without chasm) down to the present time; with the exception of the several Books, without title, belonging to periods antecedent to 1711, when the Council Office, and almost the whole of its Records, were burnt.

(2.)—The Council Records are principally kept in Presses in the Council Office, and are well secured and accommodated; but a great quantity of manuscript Papers belonging to the Office, are deposited in a Closet, and a Press on the stairs leading to the Record Room in Birmingham Tower, where they were unavoidably put in a heap, some years back, when a sudden removal from the present Office was deemed necessary, from its being in danger of falling, from the state of the walls, but which has been since rebuilt.

(3.)—The Council Books extant are in good preservation; they are bound up in separate volumes, and lettered alphabetically on the back, generally specifying the particular periods to which the entries belong.

The manuscript Papers which are in the Closet on the Stairs leading to Birmingham Tower Record Room, and which, previous to the removal alluded to, were well assorted, have been ever since in a confused state, it being utterly impracticable to give them any classification, on account of their inconvenient and ill-adapted situation, and there not being accommodation for them in the Council Office.

On a representation from this Office, some time back, of the state of those Papers, the Architect was directed to ascertain whether a Room, adapted for their arrangement and deposit, could be had within the Castle; but it is understood, that, on inquiry, none could then be pointed out for the purpose.

(4.)—There is a general Catalogue of the Books in the Council Office, (a copy of which is annexed;) and there are Indexes to most of them, as more particularly specified in the Catalogue referred to. With respect to those Books now in use, to which the Indexes are not complete, it appears necessary that the Indexes to those denominated "Order Books," (which have in a few instances been kept back by voluminous proceedings and

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and appeals before the Council,) should be completed; but these Indexes, it is expected, will be made, without any extra assistance, in the course of a few months.

It is, however, to be observed, that the Manuscript Books which relate to a period previous to 1711, being altogether without Title or Index, the utility arising from making a Catalogue, and of forming particular Indexes to them, may be a matter for consideration; but hitherto no practical advantage has arisen from the existence of those Books, no reference to, or examination of them, having been required or found necessary. If, however, it shall be deemed expedient to render them complete, it will be requisite to apply extraordinary assistance; but to what extent or in what time, the same may be effected, cannot be stated, the Books alluded to being very obsolete.

(5.)—The care of the Records, and the duty of making searches, are not attached to any particular individual, but are considered as devolving on the Officers of this Department jointly.

(6.)—There does not occur, to the Deputy Clerks of the Council, any matters not comprised in the Questions referred to, upon which it is necessary for them to make any observations.

Henry Upton.
J. Patrickson.
Wm McKay.
} Deputy Clerks of the Council.

TITLE OF BOOK:

Order Book	Date (from - - - to)	Remarks.
A	1711 - - 1714	Indexed.
B	1714 - - 1719	D°.
C	1719 - - 1724	D°.
D	1724 - - 1729	D°.
E	1729 - - 1732	D°.
F	1732 - - 1739	D°.
G	1739 - - 1747	D°.
H	1747 - - 1756	D°.
I	1756 - - 1761	D°.
K	1761 - - 1767	D°.
L	1767 - - 1772	D°.
M	1772 - - 1775	D°.
N	1775 - - 1780	D°.
1/ O	1780 - - 1783	D°.
2/ O	1783 - - 1786	Not indexed.
P	1786 - - 1790	D°.
Q	1790 - - 1794	D°.
R	1794 - - 1800	D°.
S	1800 - - 1803	Indexed.
T	1803 - - 1807	D°.
U	1807 - - 1810	Not indexed.
W	1810 - - in use	D°.

FIANT BOOKS.

A	1711 - - 1715	Indexed.
B	1715 - - 1722	
C	1722 - - 1731	
D	1731 - - 1742	
E	1742 - - 1756	
F	1756 - - 1768	
G	1768 - - 1779	
H	1779 - - 1790	
I	1790 - - 1801	
K	1801 - - 1810	
L	1810 - - in use.	

MINUTE BOOKS.

A	1711 - - 1712	Partly Indexed.
B	1712 - - 1715	
C	1715 - - 1717	
D	1717 - - 1720	
E	1720 - - 1723	
F	1723 - - 1725	
G	1725 - - 1728	
H	1728 - - 1731	
I	1731 - - 1735	
K	1735 - - 1739	
A	1727 - - 1731	Partly Indexed.
B	1731 - - 1737	
C	1737 - - 1742	
D	1742 - - 1747	
E	1748 - - 1754	
F	1755 - - 1762	
G	1762 - - 1770	
H	1770 - - 1778	
I	1778 - - 1784	
K	1784 - - 1788	
L	1788 - - 1792	
A	1781 - - 1783	Partly Indexed.
B	1783 - - 1785	
C	1785 - - 1788	
D	1788 - - 1790	
E	1790 - - 1793	
F	1793 - - 1795	
G	1795 - - 1798	
H	1798 - - 1801	
I	1801 - - 1808	
K	1806 - - in use.	

Forty Concordatum Warrant Books.

Eighteen Letter Books.

Five Approbation Books.

6. PRIVY SEAL OFFICE.

ANSWERS of the Deputy Keeper of the Privy Seal to the QUERIES of the Commissioners on the Public Records in Ireland.

(1.)—There is no Record whatever in the custody of the Keeper of the Privy Seal. The Fiants brought to his Office for the purpose of having the Seal affixed thereto, being (as soon as the Seal is affixed thereto) carried to the Lord Chancellor.

But all such Fiants are abstracted, and the docket thereof entered in a Book in this Office, before the affixing of the Seal thereto; and a Fiant Book of all such abstracts from the 12th of May 1804 to the present date, viz. November 1810, is in my custody.

Two Books of the like nature, commencing on the 23d March 1796, and ending May 1804, are lodged in the Chief Secretary's Office; to which place the volume now in my custody for current use, will be carried when full.

(2.)—The Fiant Book, for my time, is lodged with me, at my house in Baggot-street, Dublin, which is private property.

(3.)—The said Book is fairly written, regularly paged, and strongly bound.

(4.)—The Fiants are regularly entered, according to their respective dates; and there is a Marginal Index, which answers all the purposes of reference.

(5.)—I am specially entrusted with the care of the said Book, and it is my duty to attend any Search which may be wanted therein.

(6.)—It does not appear that there is any matter, not comprised in the preceding Queries, which it is necessary or expedient for me to observe, for rendering the use of this Book more convenient to the Public.

Privy Seal Office,
27th Nov. 1810.

Dugald Campbell,
Dep. K. P. S.

7. BOARD OF GREEN CLOTH.

SIR,

I HAVE received your Letter, as Secretary to the Commissioners on the Public Records in Ireland, together with several Queries on the subject of said Records;—In answer to which, I beg leave to state, for the information of said Commissioners, That there is not any Record or Document, of a public nature, belonging to the Board of Green Cloth at Dublin Castle. That establishment is supported wholly out of the Lord Lieutenant's private purse.

I have the honour to be, Sir, &c.
Robt Wynne.

January 25th, 1811.
Wm Shaw Mason, Esquire, &c.
Dublin Castle.

8. OFFICE OF ARMS.

ANSWER to the QUERIES, proposed by the Record Commissioners, respecting the State of the Office of Ulster King of Arms.

ULSTER King of Arms has in his possession,—1st. Four Volumes of Books, called Visitation Books, containing the Pedigrees and Arms of the Nobility and Gentry of several Counties in Ireland, particularly the Counties of Dublin, Meath, Louth, and Wexford, from 1568 to 1620, taken by virtue of Commissions, directed to Nicholas Narbonne and Daniel Molyneux, Ulster Kings of Arms. It appears that Visitations were made in other Counties, from the references in various Books now in the Office to such as were formerly there, and which were, it is supposed, detained as private property by the heirs or executors of the former Officers; but at what particular period is unknown. Many Books are also said to have been carried off by the Person holding the Office of Athlone Pursuivant of Arms, who fled to France with King James II. He also carried off the Official Seal.—2d. Fourteen Volumes of Books, containing miscellaneous Pedigrees and Arms of the Nobility and Gentry of Ireland, being entries made in the Office at various periods, and authenticated under the hand and seal of Ulster.—3d. Four Volumes of the Pedigrees and Arms of the Peers of Ireland, called Lords Entries; pursuant to an Order of the House of Lords, dated 12th August 1707.—4th. A Book of the Pedigrees and Arms of the Baronets of Ireland, under a Royal Warrant, dated 30th day of September 1789, for correcting and preventing abuses in the Order of Baronets.—5th. Fourteen Volumes of entries of the Funeral Certificates of Nobility and Gentry of Ireland, being attested Accounts of the Arms, of the time of the death, the place of burial, and of the marriages and issue of the several persons whose funerals were attended by the Officers of Arms or their Deputies, from the year 1595 to about the year 1698.—6th. Books containing Lists of the Peers as they sat in Parliament at various periods; and also of the creations of Peers, Baronets, and Knights, from the time of Queen Elizabeth to the present time.—7th. A Book containing Entries of the Royal Licences for Changes of Name and Arms and other matters.—8th. Books of Registration of all Grants of Arms, from the time of Edward the 6th to the present time.

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The above may be considered as the Records of the Office. There are besides many Volumes of Manuscript Ordinaries and alphabetical Collections of Arms; Books containing Precedents for Processions; the Arms of the ancient Nobility of Ireland, and of the Pedigrees and Arms of the Peers of England; Copies and Abstracts of various Records and matters relative to genealogical and antiquarian research; and also some Copies of the Visitations of the English Counties of Yorkshire, Lancashire, Cheshire, Norfolk, Suffolk, &c. There are also some Vellum Rolls of the Pedigrees of some ancient Families of Ireland.

(2.)—The Records are kept in the house No. 7, North Cope-street, the residence and private property of Deputy Ulster, who has charge of the same. It enjoys no other security than what is common to every private house. Forty pounds a year is allowed by Government for the rent of the Office.

(3.)—The Books are generally in good order, and well arranged; but the Press in which they are kept is not large enough to the convenient holding of them and the printed Books.

(4.)—There are very correct Indices to most of the Books, and also a general Index. There are, however, some Books defective in this point, which would be very serviceable if indexed, and might be completed in a short time. I know of no Indices or Catalogues existing elsewhere, relating to the Records of this Office; but there are, in the Library of Trinity College, many Books said to have formerly belonged to this Office; the originals, or attested copies of which, would be of great utility.

Ulster appoints his Deputy, subject to the approbation of the Chief Governor of Ireland for the time being; but the Deputy receives no salary from the Public. Ulster's net salary is £. 86. 5. 4.; that of Athlone Pursuivant £. 13. 13. 9. The ordinary Fee for a Search is *5s. 5d.*; the same for a sketch; and for a copy or extract of a pedigree *5s. 5d.* for each generation. The same Fee is paid for the registration of every generation of a pedigree on the Office Books. The Fee for attendance in any of the Courts, with an Office Book, is two guineas per day.

The greater part of the Emoluments arising to Officers of Arms is from their personal exertions in making out Pedigrees. The bare Fees for searches and certificates (which, strictly speaking, are the only Fees arising from the Records) would not exceed £. 50. per annum, and would not pay the Clerk's salary for attending.

A Clerk is constantly in attendance, who is paid by Ulster; and all persons employed in the Office are required to make an affidavit, that they will preserve the Records from injury to the utmost of their power. Deputy Ulster also makes an affidavit, that he will not enter, or allow to be entered, on the Office Books, any pedigree or other document, which is not proved by legal and proper evidence.

W. Betham,
Dr Ulster.

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9. ROLLS OFFICE.

The RETURN of the Deputy Keeper of the Rolls, to the QUERIES proposed by the Right honourable the Record Commissioners, as to the state of the Records in the Rolls Office.

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(1.)—THAT the Records under his care consist of,—1st. The Patent Rolls.—2d. The Parliament Rolls.—3d. The Claus or Close Rolls.—4th. Cromwell's Rolls.—5th. The Judgment or Decree Rolls.—6th. The Converts, Rolls and Certificates.—7th. The Catholic Rolls.—8th. The Palatine Rolls and Pleadings.—9th. The Letters of Guardianship, &c.—10th. The Pleadings and Proceedings in Chancery.—11th. The Miscellanea.

The Patent Rolls begin with the small Roll of the 9th of Edward III. and are continued to the 18th Henry VIII. but with many chasms; which could be partly filled up from Birmingham Tower, and the series rendered nearly complete; from that period to the present time, the Rolls are in regular order, (except that one Roll of the 11th of Charles I. was lost or mislaid many years ago.) Upon those Rolls are contained the enrolments of Grants in fee or perpetuity, for lives and years, of Crown Lands, Abbey Lands and Escheated Lands, Patents of Creations of Honour, Grants of Charters of Incorporation and Liberties, Grants of Offices, Denizations, Ferries and Fisheries, Patents for Inventions, and specifications thereof, Licences and Pardons of Alienation, Presentations, Special Liveries, Grants of Wardships, Commissions, a few Inquisitions post mortem, Special and General Pardons, Deeds and Conveyances, Letters of Attorney, King's Letters, Wills, Orders of Council, Grants of Lands under the Acts of Settlement, and explanation, and under the Commissions of Grace of Charles II. and James II.; Grants from the Commissioners of forfeited Estates, Decrees of Commissioners of Wide Streets, &c. Many of those Rolls are in good preservation, but some have felt very much the injuries of time, and of bad accommodation, before they were brought to the place they now occupy; and even there also, some of the Records have suffered some injury, for the reasons hereinafter mentioned.

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There are no Books of reference in this Office to any of the above Rolls, prior to the 18th Henry VIII. but from this period the alphabetical Catalogue and Indexes begin, and are continued in regular succession, (save as hereafter mentioned) and consist of many folio volumes, some of them in good, and some of them in very bad condition, particularly the Index to James I. and one of the Indexes to Charles II. Those Catalogues refer principally to the Grantees' names, and are tolerably correct; but as it often happens that persons wanting to search for Grants of Manors, Offices, Tithes, Fisheries, or particular denominations of Lands, do not know the exact time when those Grants were passed, nor to whom they were made, a General Index or Catalogue of such Offices, Things and Places, alphabetically arranged, referring to the name of the office, thing, or place, with the Grantee's name, and date of the Grant, has been very much wanted.

The Parliament Rolls,—commence in the reign of Henry VI.; and to the 11th James I. are without references of any kind; from James I. to 1715, the public and private Acts being promiscuously enrolled together on the same Rolls, an imperfect Calendar was at that time made of both kinds of Acts; but from 1715 to 1800 inclusive, when our Parliament ceased, the private Acts being enrolled separately by themselves, there was a regular Catalogue and Index made to those private Acts, (but to the entire exclusion of all the public Acts) which is in good order.

The Close Rolls.—I have found but one Roll of this description, commencing the 12th and ending in the 13th of Charles I. It contains the enrolments of King's Letters, Deeds, and other Memorandums, scarcely differing, if at all, from the Patent Rolls. There is an alphabetical List or Catalogue of the names of the several Grantees in this Reign, in very excellent order, referring partly to a folio Volume or Index, commencing the first, and ending the 9th year of Charles I. which is in tolerable condition, and partly referring to the number of the Rolls only. The second Volume, or Index, of the rest of this Reign, called Liber Secundus, was lost or mislaid many years ago, and nothing has been done since to remedy this chasm or deficiency, save that Mr. Lodge, one of my predecessors, while in Office, as I have heard, did compile many Books of Indexes to many of the Records both in the Rolls Office and Birmingham Tower, and that those Books being his private property, Government, after his decease, purchased them from his representatives; and that they are now kept at the Castle, under the care and protection of the Chief Secretary, and would, I am sure, not only provide for the above deficiency, but for many others in the Rolls Office, if free access could be had to them.

Cromwell's Rolls.—Those Rolls commence in 1653, and end in 1659; they contain a few Grants, but mostly Deeds, and other Memorandums. There is a small folio volume, comprising an alphabetical Index, which refers to the Parties' names, and is in very bad condition.

The Judgment or Decree Rolls.—contain the Decrees and Dismisses of the Court of Chancery, and commence in the Reign of Elizabeth; and until 3d James II. were enrolled and made up separately (as I must suppose) in small Rolls, which were transmitted to the Rolls Office by their respective six Clerks, who, (I presume) had prepared them, and there made up into bundles; in which state they still remain; without any kind of reference whatever. From this last period, the six Clerks began to make up their Decrees into large Rolls, comprising several Decrees in each Roll; this practice they exercised until 1775, when it was discontinued; and ever since they have adopted the manner of making them up separately in small Rolls, as hereinbefore described. From 3d James II. to the present time, all the Decrees have references to them, by Books of Indexes that from time to time have been made, consisting of two folio volumes, one of which is in good order, and the other in bad condition, and it is very inaccurate and confused. If new Calendars were made to those, and many others equally defective Books, upon Plans different from those already practised, it would prove very advantageous to the Public.

The Convert Rolls, and Bundles.—The Convert Rolls commence in 1703, and contain the enrolments of Bishops' and Ministers' Certificates to such Persons as had conformed from the Popish to the Protestant Religion. The Bishops' Certificates end in 1782, and the Ministers' then begin, and continue in regular succession to the present time. The Converts' Bundles contain Certificates from such Clerks of the Peace, and from other Officers, before whom affidavits were made, stating that every such person so conforming had within a limited time, (I suppose 6 months from the date of the enrolment of his conformity) received the Sacrament, and had done the other legal requisites. Those Certificates commence in 1709, and end in 1781, and were filed in the Rolls Office, and are there kept in Bundles, where they have been entered in Books alphabetically arranged; as also the Bishops' and Ministers' Certificates, likewise in Books kept for that purpose, comprehending two folio volumes in good order.

The Catholic Rolls.—Those Rolls commence in 1778, and contain the qualifications of the Roman Catholics, and were made up and prepared by certain Officers in the Courts of Chancery, King's Bench, and Common Pleas, and by the several Clerks of the Peace throughout Ireland, who occasionally, as it suited their convenience, returned them into the Rolls Office, many of them in so obliterated, obscure, and incorrect a state, that it is impossible to decypher the names on them; and, in many parts, where the Sessions ought to

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be particularly specified, they are entirely omitted, and the additions and residences of the Parties totally omitted; by which means the object of the Act becomes nugatory and void, and the salutary effects thereby intended entirely defeated, to the great injury of the Public, but more especially to the qualifying persons, whose case is truly unfortunate, and would therefore require the interference of Parliament to devise or substitute some remedy in future. Mr. Franks, one of my predecessors in Office, some years ago, at his own private expense, caused an alphabetical Calendar to be made of the names of all those who qualified from 1778 to 1790, in one very large folio Volume; which was discontinued until 1793, and then taken up again by him from this last period, and continued until 1796, in four Volumes; but finding that the profits arising from those arrangements, were not adequate to the expense incurred, and the confusion very little lessened, he dropped it altogether, and nothing further has been since done in that respect; the Fees allowed under the Act of Parliament for each Certificate being no more than One Shilling.

The Palatine Rolls, and Pleadings.—These Rolls contain Leases of Lands from the Duke of Ormond to several Lessees; and commence in 1703, and end in 1714.

The Pleadings contain Bills, Answers, &c. filed in the Court Palatine of Tipperary and commence in 1662, and end in 1714. Those Pleadings (as I have been informed) were deposited in the Rolls Office, pursuant to an Act of Parliament, passed in the 2d of George I. and have no references to them.

The Letters of Guardianship, &c.—Those Records and the Committeeship of Lunatics, commence in 1796, and are continued in regular succession to the p esent time, and are kept in Bundles, or upon Files, and have an alphabetical Book of References made to them, which is in good order.

The Pleadings and Proceedings in Chancery.—There is a small Roll entitled, Lord Chancellor Ely's Proceedings in Chancery, commencing and ending in 1637. There are likewise a great number of Bills, Answers, and other Pleadings in the Rolls Office, which commence in 1656, and continue in regular succession to the present period. To those Bills and Answers, &c. the Books of reference do not commence till 1673, and from thence are in regular succession to the present time, forming a great number of volumes alphabetically arranged, referring to the Plaintiff's name in each Cause; some of which are in good, and some in bad condition.

The Miscellanea.—There are also remaining in the Rolls Office sundry miscellaneous Records, not digested under any particular head; viz. many bundles of Inquisitions and Attainders, from the reign of Elizabeth to William the Third; several bundles of Fiants and Warrants for Enrolments; Transmisses of public and private Acts of Parliament, with many other documents of importance, which cannot be particularized without great labour and expense; some of them now lying in heaps on the tops of presses in the Gallery of the Record Room, in a state of confusion and decay; which (if rescued from oblivion and properly arranged) would be of great importance to the Public. To any of those Records there are no references in the Rolls Office, or elsewhere, to my knowledge, except in Mr. Lodge's books hereinbefore mentioned.

There are are no other Public Records, Rolls, Instruments, or Manuscript Books, under my care as Deputy Keeper of the Rolls.

(2.)—The Records are lodged in a part of the Rolls Office, called The Record Room, which is Public property; and is well secured from fire, it being arched under, but is not well secured from water, which enters in large quantities from the roof as often as a heavy fall of snow happens, sometimes to the injury of the Records; and although application was often made to the Board of Works to remedy this defect, it was always alleged, that it could not be remedied on account of the bad construction of the roof; nor is it sufficiently accommodating, from the manner in which the presses have been constructed, being all made of one dimension, which now occasions want of room; whereas, had some of those presses been made upon a smaller scale, the Records in general differing very much in size, it would have been not only much more accommodating, but the want of room which is now felt, would not so soon occur.

(3.)—All the before-mentioned Records, except the Miscellanea, and those Records to which there are no references, are conveniently arranged in the order mentioned in my answer to the first Quere, and are mostly in good preservation, except some that have suffered from damp, and some that have been injured by time, and their bad accommodation, especially before they were brought to the Rolls Office.

(4.)—There are no general Catalogues of the Records in the Rolls Office, but the several particular Indexes I have before distinguished under each particular head of Records, many of them in bad order, and very defective, which, to complete thoroughly, would require great diligence and much time, but how long, I cannot take upon me to state; and I do not know of any Catalogues or Indexes wanting in the Rolls Office to exist elsewhere, except those I have before mentioned.

(5.)—The Officers and Clerks employed for the arrangement of the Records in my Office, consist of myself, the Clerk of the Enrolments, the two stationed copying Clerks, and the comparing Clerk; and our several duties are as hereinafter mentioned. My duty consists in attesting all Enrolments, Copies, &c. and all other matters necessary to be attested in said Office, to make up and settle the quarterly Accounts, as also the Treasury Accounts

Accounts for his Honor the Master of the Rolls, and, generally, to see that the business of the Office be properly done and executed.

The duty of the Clerk of the Enrolments is to make all Searches that may be deemed necessary or wanting to be made in said Office, and to copy all such Enrolments when required; and when any Record is taken down to be read, or to be copied, or to attend with, in any of the Courts, or before any of the Masters in Chancery, he is to take care that the same shall be afterwards, within a convenient time, returned to its proper place; and his duty is likewise to enrol all Patents, Grants, Deeds or other Instruments, that are brought to said Office to be enrolled, and when ingrossed and made into Rolls, then to make correct and proper Catalogues and Indexes to same. And his further duty is, upon the commencement of every suit in Chancery, to enter in Books, kept for that purpose, the Parties' names in said Cause, together with the dates of filing all Bills, Answers, Demurrers, Pleas, Replications and Rejoinders, in said Suit; and to make Alphabetical Indexes to each Book, referring to the Plaintiff's name in each Cause.

The several duties of the stationed copying Clerks, consist in attending to the several Solicitors or Agents, who apply for copies of said Bills, Answers, &c. &c. which, when copied and compared by the comparing Clerk, and entered in Books kept for the purpose, are then attested by me; and the Record, so copied, returned to its proper place.

The Clerks' hours of attendance are daily, from ten in the morning till three in the afternoon, and from six till eight in the evening, except two days at Christmas, and two at Easter.

I have no Salary, Allowance or Emolument, paid me by the Public, for my care of the Records, except certain Fees for Searches, Certificates, Copies, &c. &c. as mentioned in my First Schedule, to this my Return annexed, and to which I beg leave to refer; and also to my Second and Third Schedules, as they state various particulars relating to the produce of those Fees, and the net annual Amount thereof, upon an Average of the last three years for which the same can be made up. No Officer or Clerk in my Office has any Salary, Allowance or other Emolument, paid him by the Public, except such Fees and Emoluments as are stated in my Fourth Schedule annexed to this my Return, to which I likewise beg leave to refer.

(6.)—The Clerk of the Enrolments is the person specially entrusted with the care of said Records, whose duty it is to attend upon every Search, and to take care that every Record is duly and fairly restored to its proper place. And I do not know any other Regulation to be observed in respect to said Records, but what I have already mentioned.

(7.)—The number of Searches, Certificates and Copies, respecting the said Records, that have been made in my Office, during the last three years, whereof any account has been kept, and the particular years, and the numbers of such Searches, Certificates and Copies respectively, in each year, are set forth in my said several Schedules to this my Return annexed, to which I refer.

(8.)—No alteration has taken place in the Contents, Arrangement, or Condition of my Office, respecting said Records, since the last Parliamentary inquiry relating thereto.

(9.)—I do not know any matters, not comprised in the preceding Questions, which might be necessary or expedient to observe, for rendering the use of said Records more convenient to the Public; except a * Plan of certain regulations which have been some time ago suggested to me, and which I humbly submit to your Lordships' consideration, whether same ought to be adopted; but being too copious for insertion here, I take the liberty of sending herewith a Copy of said Plan.

* See p. 71, infra.

All which the Deputy Keeper of the Rolls humbly certifies to the Right honourable the Record Commissioners.

Richd Hetherington,
Deputy Keeper of the Rolls.

Rolls Office,
31st January 1811.

The First SCHEDULE referred to by the preceding Statement;—containing a Table of the several Fees demandable by me for each Search, Certificate, or Copy of Records, or for Enrolments of Patents, Letters of Guardianship, &c. &c.

		s.	d.
1.	For Search for every Bill, Answer, or other Pleading, that is to be copied, four-pence per term, but not to exceed ten terms	0	4
2.	For Search for every Charter, Patent, or Enrolment, if to be copied	2	6
3.	For every Sheet of said Copy	0	6
4.	For attesting any Constat of any Grant of Lands, Manors, &c.	7	6
5.	For like of any Certificate of the Conformity of any Person from the Popish to the Protestant Religion	7	6
6.	For every Certificate of Pleadings	2	6
7.	For every Certificate of the qualification of Roman Catholics	1	0
8.	My Fees on enrolling any Patent, Deed, Grant, or other Instrument, for every Roll or Skin it contains	5	5
9.	For all Copies of Bills, Answers, &c. my Fees thereon, per sheet	0	1½
10.	For every Sheet of amended Bills	0	6
11.	For every sheet of Pleadings copied close	0	4
12.	For Letters of Guardianship, each	5	0
13.	For re-attesting old copies for evidence (besides the Search) for every Score sheets they contain	1	0

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The Second SCHEDULE, referred to in the foregoing Statement;—containing an Account of the Net Annual Amount of such Fees, upon an Average of the last Three Years, ending at Christmas last.

	£.	s.	d.
Amount of the Fees for Searches, Copies, Enrolments, Constats, Certificates, Letters of Guardianship, and re-attesting old copies - in 1808	926	16	4½
The like - - - - - - - in 1809	867	5	11½
The like - - - - - - - in 1810	799	13	1
3)	2,593	15	5
(Average	£. 864.	11.	10.

The Third SCHEDULE referred to by the foregoing Statement;—containing the number of Searches, Copies of Enrolments and Pleadings, Constats and Certificates, Enrolments, Letters of Guardianship, &c. &c.

	£.	s.	d.
Searches on Copies of Pleadings - - in 1808	68	17	0
The like - - - - - - - in 1809	61	7	0
The like - - - - - - - in 1810	43	7	0
3)	173	11	0
(Average	£. 57.	17.	0.
Searches on Copies of Enrolments - - in 1808	4	2	6
The like - - - - - - - in 1809	1	12	6
The like - - - - - - - in 1810	3	10	0
3)	9	5	0
(Average	£. 3.	2.	0.
Copies of Enrolments - - - - in 1808	58	16	3
The like - - - - - - - in 1809	50	4	0
The like - - - - - - - in 1810	39	5	5
3)	148	5	8
(Average	£. 49.	8.	7.
Constats and Certificates of Conformity - in 1808	41	10	0
The like - - - - - - - in 1809	28	0	2
The like - - - - - - - in 1810	28	13	0
3)	98	3	2
(Average	£. 32.	14.	6.
Certificates of Pleadings of qualification of Roman Catholics, and re-attestation of old copies, in 1808	147	5	0
The like - - - - - - - in 1809	128	11	0
The like - - - - - - - in 1810	125	5	0
3)	401	1	0
(Average	£. 133.	13.	8.
Enrolments - - - - - in 1808	87	7	1½
The like - - - - - - - in 1809	112	11	6½
The like - - - - - - - in 1810	135	0	6
3)	334	19	2
(Average	£. 111.	13.	1.
Wide Copies of Bills and Answers - - in 1808	307	4	6½
The like - - - - - - - in 1809	300	0	1
The like - - - - - - - in 1810	256	17	6
3)	864	2	1½
(Average	£. 288.	0.	8.½
Copies of amended Bills - - - in 1808	37	9	0
The like - - - - - - - in 1809	38	14	0
The like - - - - - - - in 1810	37	7	6
3)	113	10	6
(Average	£. 37.	16.	10.
Close Copies of Pleadings - - - in 1808	142	7	8
The like - - - - - - - in 1809	134	10	6
The like - - - - - - - in 1810	127	8	4
3)	404	6	6
(Average	£. 134.	15.	6.

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The Fourth SCHEDULE, referred to in the foregoing Statement;—containing a Table of the several Fees, demandable by the Clerk of the Enrolments, the Allowances and Emoluments of the stationed Copying Clerks, and the Comparing Clerk.

The FEES demandable by the Clerk of the Enrolments:

	£.	s.	d.
1. For search for any Grant, &c. in all or any of the Books, under each name -	0	3	4
2. For taking down any Roll to read any Grant, &c. therein - - - - -	0	5	5
3. For drawing any Constat of any Manor, Lands, &c. - - - - - -	0	15	3
4. For like of any copy of Certificate of Conformity - - - - -	0	3	10½
5. For enroling or entering any Decree or Letters of Guardianship - - -	0	0	5
6. For reading any Bill or Answer, when a copy is not wanted - - -	0	3	4
7. For attending with any Enrolment of any Grant, &c. &c. in any of the Courts, or before a Master in Chancery - - - - - - - - -	1	2	9
8. For the like, with any Bill or Answer as aforesaid - - - - -	0	11	4½
9. For every Score sheets of wide copies of Bills and Answers - - - -	0	0	2
10. For every original Bill filed - - - - - - - - - -	0	0	6½
11. With every Order for amending Bill - - - - - - - -	0	2	8½
12. For first Rejoinder filed in any Cause - - - - - - - -	0	1	7½
13. For every Vacatur—(This seldom happens, not one having occurred these six years back) - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2	17	11
14. On every Patent, Grant, &c. &c. to be enroled, for each skin - - -	0	2	8½
15. For ingrossing every double strip of Enrolment - - - - -	0	1	7½

cannot set forth the number of the net annual amount of the above Fees, as I have been informed that the Clerk of the Enrolments never kept any regular account of same.

The stationed Copying Clerks' Allowances and Emoluments:

1. For every Score sheets of Pleadings they get copied - - - - - -	0	1	8
2. For overseeing and conducting same, per Score - - - - - - -	0	1	0
3. For drawing every Certificate of Pleadings - - - - - - - -	0	0	10

The Comparing Clerk's Emolument:

1. For every Score sheets he compares - - - - - - - - - -	0	0	3

He has, besides, a salary of twenty-five guineas per annum for regulating the Bills and Answers after they are copied and compared; and for dusting and removing a year's Pleadings every long Vacation, from the Inner Office into the Record Room.

Richd Hetherington,
Dep^y Keeper of the Rolls.

*** "THE following is submitted to The Right Honourable the Commissioners of Records, as INTENDED REGULATIONS, respecting certain Books to be kept by the Deputy Keeper of the Rolls, and the Filacer of the Exchequer, for the purpose of ascertaining whether any Bill is pending respecting the title to Lands and Houses, where third Persons might be affected by notice of such Bills.

"THE Doctrine, held in Courts of Equity, that the pendency of a Suit respecting Houses or Lands, is notice to all the world, though no parties in the cause, though just and equitable, yet is peculiarly severe on third persons; who, on making a purchase of Houses or Lands, if directed by Counsel to search for twenty years back, to see if any Bill were then pending touching such Houses or Lands, in either Court of Chancery or Exchequer, cannot attain such information, unless by reading over the whole Bills in both Courts for twenty years back. To remedy this great hardship and inconvenience to Parties, which has occasioned very great litigation in this Country, Master King, shortly before Lord Redesdale left Ireland, submitted to him, that if he and the Barons of the Exchequer made a Rule, that, with every Bill hereafter to be filed in either Court, in which Houses or Lands are sought to be recovered, or Leases impeached, the Solicitor or Attorney filing such Bill, should lodge with the Deputy Keeper of the Rolls, or Deputy Filacer of the Exchequer, an Extract, signed by him, containing the Parties' Names in such Bill, the day filed, the Clerk, Solicitor or Attorney thereto,

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thereto, the names of the Lands or Houses which are the subject of such Bill, and the county, city, or town where same lie, and a note of reference in the margin of the engrossment, where the Lands are set out, so that before such Bill is filed, the Extract as to the Lands and Parties' Names may be carefully compared in such Office, before same shall be entered as hereinafter stated; and that with such Extract a Fee of three shillings and four-pence be paid to the Deputy Keeper of the Rolls, or Deputy Filacer of the Exchequer, who are to be obliged to enter in Books, to be kept by them respectively for that purpose, a copy of such Extract, to be alphabeted in the name of the county, city, or town, where such Lands or Houses lie, in the same manner as the Books are kept in the Registry Office for registering Deeds, &c. And that, for the purpose of having an alphabetical List of all Lands or Houses, the subject matter of Bills filed for twenty years back (which Courts of Equity consider an equitable bar) Master King stated to Lord Redesdale, that the Deputy Keeper of the Rolls, and the Deputy Filacer of the Exchequer, be authorized by the two respective Courts to commence such alphabetical List for twenty years back, and to finish same with all expedition, so as, if possible, to have a regular set of Books open for the inspection of the Public some time in the next year; from which Books, every person requiring a Search, as to Lands, Houses, &c. shall be entitled to take copies of such entries, charging no more than the usual Fee of three shillings and four-pence for the Search. This, in one moment, refers a Purchaser to every Bill (if any) filed for twenty years back, and, on reading such Bill or Bills, he can, before he closes his purchase or takes a lease, see how far the Title of the Landlord or Seller is affected by such Bill.

And, in order that the Deputy Keeper of the Rolls, and the Deputy Filacer of the Exchequer should be compensated by Parliament for such extraordinary trouble for the extract of Bills for twenty years back, and of entering same in regular Books for that purpose, with proper Alphabets, it is submitted, that, when said Books are finished, on the representation of the Chancellor, Master of the Rolls, and Judges, the quantum of such compensation be ascertained by any two or more of the Masters, assisted by two or more of the Six Clerks, who shall have power to inspect the Books compiled by the Deputy Keeper of the Rolls, and Deputy Filacer of the Exchequer, who should be empowered to inquire into and report, to the Chancellor and the Judges, the expense, labour and trouble, they were at in such investigation, and what they are of opinion ought to be paid them for such their trouble.

Lord Redesdale, on inspecting the outline of Master King's plan (which he delivered to his Lordship in writing) highly approved thereof, and declared his intention to have same carried into effect; which was prevented by his removal.

> It is proposed, to have thirty-six Books kept in each Court, one for each County, and one for each of the Four Cities, of Dublin, Cork, Kilkenny, and Waterford; so that, on a Search required, when the name of the Lands or Houses, and where situate, is stated, the Book for the County or City is immediately turned to, and the Letter in the Alphabet referring to the Name of the Lands instantly is found, and that refers to the entry of the Bill filed respecting such Lands."

To the Right Honourable the Commissioners of Public Records in Ireland.

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Further Return from the Rolls Office;

by WILLIAM NASH and JAMES HARDIMAN, Sub-Commissioners.

THE Secretary to the Record Commission having intimated to us, that a more particular Return relating to the Records preserved in the Rolls Office, than that made by the Deputy Keeper thereof, would be desirable; as well to obtain an accurate knowledge of the Contents of the Repository, as to facilitate the arrangement thereof under the Commission, requested that we should turn our attention thereto: In consequence whereof, we humbly beg leave to submit the following Return to Your Honourable Board, in addition to that heretofore made; in the drawing up of which we have endeavoured to be as correct and particular as, from the yet confused state of the principal part of the Records, we could possibly be.

PATENT ROLLS.

PATENT ROLLS.—These Rolls are the most numerous, and, next to the Enrolments of Acts of Parliament, the most valuable species of Rolls preserved in this Repository. In the former Return it was stated, that they commenced in the 9th year of Edward III. which at the time seemed correct; and particularly as it agreed with the Return formerly made by Mr. Lodge. But, having since found reason to suppose that they commenced at a much earlier period, it accordingly so turned out, upon a minute investigation of an old Roll, which is endorsed "Antiquissime Litere Patentes;" to the heading of which Roll, we have restored the following words, which before were illegible, "Antiquissime Litere Patentes et Concessiones;" and which are in the hand-writing of the reign of James I. These words shew, that when they were written this was known to be the oldest Roll; which is the case, as it appears to be a Patent Roll (so far as the first six membranes) of Edward I. commencing in the eleventh year, and extending to the end of his reign; it is consequently the oldest Roll of this kind as yet known

known to exist in the Kingdom*. The two last membranes (which are the 7th and 8th) are of the following Reign. They commence in the 9th of Edward II. and extend to the 11th of his Reign; and seem to have been formerly attached to the Roll of Edward I. for better preservation, being perhaps considered too small to form a separate Roll. These conclusions, which we have made not only from the writing, but from internal evidence in the Roll itself, appear fully corroborated by a circumstance which has since come to our knowledge; that, in a Return from this Office made in 1723, by Mr. Baldwin, then one of the Deputy Keepers of the Rolls, it was stated, "that there was one Roll of old Patents, &c. with a label on one side, writ 'De anno Edwardi 'Primi et Secundi,' and on the other side, 'Año undecimo Edwardi,' but which labels are since lost." We have been the more particular in fixing the true date of this Roll, as Mr. Lodge returned and abstracted it as one of Edward III. thereby committing a mistake of more than half a century, besides mixing the two Reigns, which greatly confuses the first volume of his Manuscripts, and led the Sub-Commissioners from England to suppose he had not at all abstracted it: and as the attaching of both Rolls to each other was obviously the cause of those mistakes, we think it would be proper to separate them.

PATENT ROLLS.

From the 11th of Edward I. to the 18th of Henry VIII. there are many chasms in the Patent Rolls in this Repository: some without doubt are irrecoverably lost†, but many yet remain in Birmingham Tower, which, according to Mr. Lodge, were left there by mistake, and ought to be restored to the Rolls Office. They are about fifty in number, and would very nearly complete the series here. The inconvenience and irregularity of having them separate are too obvious to need any further remark; and if removed to the Rolls, they would be much more accessible to the Public than they are at present.

From the 18th of Henry VIII. to the present time, the Patent Rolls are complete, with the exception of one Roll of the 11th of Charles I. mentioned in the former Return to have been lost many years ago; the want of which has been frequently the cause of very great inconvenience and detriment to many, who from time to time had occasion to refer thereto. And, as the supplying of this loss would be of great advantage to the Public, the only way of doing so, at present, is to ascertain, from the Books of Reference still remaining in the Office, the several Fiants, Deeds, and other articles of which it was composed, and which are still preserved amongst the respective Classes of Records to which they belonged; and by collecting and arranging them, and having them enrolled anew, in the order in which, as will appear from the Books of Reference, they were before enrolled, by this means the defect would be remedied, and the trouble and expense attending it would be trifling in comparison to its utility.

CLOSE ROLLS.

CLOSE ROLLS.—The oldest Roll of this description is one of the 20th year of Edward II. It contains Liberates, Writs of various kinds, Pardons of Alienation, Recognizances, a few Deeds, and an article entitled "Statutum de Hibernia," a copy of which is subjoined to this Return.* This Class of Rolls does not appear to have been continued in regular succession, none other occurring until the time of Richard II. of whose Reign there are two Close Rolls, one of the first, and the other of the fourth year. They contain, amongst other mixed matters, Deeds, and Writs of "Amoveas Manus." The next we find, is one of Henry IV. and in the time of Henry VI. there are five, (each of which is entitled "Rotulus Clausus;") *viz.* in the 5th, 6th, 14th, 19th, and 20th years of his Reign. The next are, one of the 19th of Edward IV. another of the 9th of Henry VII. one of the 5th of Edward VI. two of the 12th and 15th of Elizabeth, and the Roll of the 12th and 13th of Charles I. mentioned in the former Return. We have not, as yet, been able to ascertain, whether there are any Close Rolls of a later period than that last mentioned. But it is observable, that any difference which might originally have existed between the Close and Patent Rolls was discontinued in course of time, although the name of the former was still preserved; for both species of Rolls contain matters of a similar kind; and in no one instance, except the Roll above-mentioned may be considered as an exception, is there a Close and Patent Roll for the same year or period; which, if they were meant to be distinct in their nature, could not but in some instance have been the case; and, as far back as the Books of Reference to the Rolls extend, the Close Rolls are referred to without any distinction from the Patent Roll.

* pages 77, &c. infra.

PARLIAMENT ROLLS.

PARLIAMENT ROLLS.—The oldest Roll of this description preserved here, is one of the 7th of Henry VI; they are in order and number, to the commencement of the reign of George I. as follows;—

Henry VI. 14 Rolls.—Edward IV. 17.—Richard III. 2.—Henry VII. 3.—Henry VIII. 4.—Philip and Mary 1.—Elizabeth, 3.—James I. 1.—Charles I. 5.—Charles II. 7.—William and Mary, 5.—Anne, 9.——Total - - - 71 Rolls.

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* Harris's Manuscripts, in the possession of the Dublin Society, and Leland's History of Ireland, refer to an ancient Patent Roll, Penes Comitem Midiæ, which, by the Extracts there cited, appears to be older than the above Roll. The recovery of this Roll would be highly important.

† The following Memorandum appears in the 1st Volume of Harris's MSS.—"Memorandum: Quod omnes Rotuli, Cancellariæ Hiberniæ tempore Magistri Thome Cañlock, quondam Cancellarii Hyberniæ, usque ad annum Regis Edwardi, filii Henrici III. Vicessimum octavum (1300) fuerunt Combusti per Casum fortuitum, in Abbatia Domus beatæ Mariæ Virginis Dublin, in Magna Combustione ejusdem Abbatiæ, præter duos Rotulos de eodem anno qui liberati sunt Magistro Waltero de Thornbury Cancellario Hiberniæ per Breve Domini Regis, A. D. 1308. Irrot 2nd Edward III."—This Roll of Edw. III, upon which the foregoing Memorandum is mentioned by Harris to have been entered, is also lost.

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Not having proceeded in the arrangement of this species of Rolls any later than the beginning of George the First, when the public and private Acts were enrolled separately, we cannot immediately set forth the number since that time; but they are very numerous. The Statute Rolls prior to the 10th of Henry VII. are all in Norman French; and as there are printed Statutes long prior to the oldest Roll appearing here, some of the more ancient of those Rolls must have been lost. We have met with a Manuscript note, written about the year 1634, in one of the old Reference Books in the Office, by which it appears, that a Parliament Roll of Edward III. was then in the possession of the Lord Primate, Archbishop Usher.

RECOGNIZANCE ROLLS.

RECOGNIZANCE ROLLS.—In the former Return these Rolls were omitted; the oldest Roll of this kind that we have met with, is one of the 21st year of Henry VIII. and the latest the 10th of Charles I.; they are about twenty in number, and are, in general, in good preservation; but, as there is neither Index nor Reference of any kind to them in the Office, no recourse could be had to them for many years, and the Contents are almost entirely unknown.

DECREE ROLLS.

DECREE ROLLS.—The oldest Decrees of the Court of Chancery, preserved here, commence in the 24th year of Henry VIII. The practice originally seems to have been, to lodge in the Office the original Docquet, or Decree engrossed on Parchment, and signed by the Lord Chancellor or Master of the Rolls, which practice continued until the 12th year of James I. at which time the Decrees were first enrolled. There is a chasm in the Decree Rolls from 1643 to 1655, owing to the suspension of business by the dissentions in this Kingdom during that period; from thence, until the Restoration, there are Rolls of the Decrees and Adjudications of the Commissioners for the Administration of Justice in Ireland. The Decrees or Certificates of the Commissioners appointed for executing the Acts of Settlement and Explanation are separately preserved, and are in very good preservation. The Chancery Decree Rolls are in regular succession from the Restoration to the year 1775, as mentioned in the former Return, but from that time, and particularly at the present, the manner of enrolling them (if it can be so termed) calls for particular animadversion, and we humbly beg leave to direct the attention of this Honourable Board thereto. The practice then adopted, and still continued, by the Six Clerks, is, to have the Decrees ingrossed on skins of Parchment, generally of an irregular size, and closely written on both sides, in very indifferent, and often illegible handwriting, and full of mistakes for want of comparing; then they are sent to the Rolls Office; instead of being made up in Rolls of an uniform size, and written in legible and durable hand writing, which might well be done out of the Charges made for the purpose; this practice, if continued, may ultimately defeat the object of enrolling Decrees, and therefore requires to be remedied. There are no Books of reference to the Decrees prior to James II. but, we are informed that there are some Books relating to them in the Library of Christ-Church Dublin.

The foregoing is all that at present occurs to us respecting the several kinds of Rolls in this Repository; but as to their state of Preservation, we have generally observed, that the first Membranes, particularly of the more ancient Rolls, have suffered more by time and accident, and are in worse condition than any other part of the Rolls, being quite obliterated, torn and otherwise damaged, by which several articles enrolled on them, and particularly on the back, are irrecoverably lost. The easiest and most effectual way to prevent this for the future, would be to have a membrane, or strip of strong parchment, affixed to the first Membrane, so as to wrap round and cover the entire Roll. A few of the old Rolls, with which this precaution was taken, are by far in the best Preservation.

CHANCERY PLEADINGS.

CHANCERY PLEADINGS.—The next species of Record, and, by far the most extensive, preserved here, are the Pleadings and Proceedings in the Court of Chancery, consisting of Bills, Answers, Replications, Rejoinders, Orders, &c. The more ancient Bills and Answers are tied in heavy bundles; and, since the beginning of the 18th Century, they are deposited in Presses, and to them access is easy; but those prior thereto, and even Stopped Pleadings of a much later date, to which there is no Book of Reference whatsoever, are thrown promiscuously, in large heaps, on the tops of the presses, so that we cannot, at present, precisely ascertain when they commence; but we have seen several bundles of Chancery Pleadings prior to the year 1640, which are lying at present among the Records lately removed to the Dome of the Four Courts, to be regulated. As to the more recent Pleadings, they are very injudiciously placed, those of the same year being, in many instances, in presses at great distance from each other, while those of distant years are in the same press: This inconvenience is remedied, in some degree, by the local knowledge of some of the Clerks: but in any future arrangement of the Pleadings, great care should be taken that the current business of the office should not be in any way impeded.

FIANTS, &c.

FIANTS, or Grants and Appointments of various kinds by the Crown, are the next, in point of magnitude, to the Pleadings; they commence in the 21st year of the Reign of Henry VIII, and are continued down to the present time; they are all enrolled, or supposed to be so; but are in no sort of arrangement, nor is there any Index, or other reference whatsoever to them; a due regulation of them, which has been nearly completed, was highly necessary, as is also the careful preservation of them; because, in case of any accident happening to any of the Patent Rolls, they can be replaced in a great measure from the FIANTS, as we before observed in respect of the lost Roll of Charles I.

INQUISITIONS POST MORTEM.—These Records, which are very numerous, and highly interesting, and valuable in many respects, commence in the Reign of Elizabeth, (very few, if any, being prior thereto) and extend to the Restoration, soon after which they ceased; they were taken under Commissions directed to the Escheators of each Province, and others joined with them, and find, by the Oath of a Jury, what Lands any Person died seised of, by what Rents and Services they were held, and who was the next Heir, and his age, by which the right of the Crown to Escheat, or Wardship, was ascertained. Although they are the best evidence of descents and property, and the rights and privileges appendant to property, during the period aforesaid, and set out several Deeds, Wills, and Instruments, of which there may be no other evidence existing, they were, notwithstanding, very badly preserved heretofore, being thrown on the tops of Presses in the Record Room, without any arrangement whatsoever; by which many of them were much injured and defaced, and, although frequently resorted to of late years, it was impossible to find such as were enquired for, from the confusion in which they lay. We understand that there are some original Inquisitions, or Books of reference to Inquisitions, in the Manuscript Library of Trinity College.

INQUISITIONS.

INQUISITIONS ON ATTAINDER.—These Inquisitions, which were equally neglected with the former, being mixed with them, commence in the Reign of Elizabeth, and come down to the Reign of William III.; very few, if any, being subsequent thereto; they were taken under Commissions directed like the former, and shew whether any Person was attainted, in which case his Lands, which were also found, were seized into the King's hands.

There are also preserved here, the celebrated Inquisitions finding the Title of Charles I. to the Province of Connaught; they are commonly called STRAFFORD'S INQUISITIONS, having been taken before that Nobleman in the years 1635 and 1637. They found all the Lands in the Province, and the Tenants and Holders thereof at the time, with the exception of the County of Leitrim, of which County no Inquisition appears to have been taken.

The old Books of reference to the Inquisitions remaining in the Office, a List of which will be found in the Schedule annexed, are at present of little use, from the derangement of the Records to which they refer; some of them appear to be lost, and the remainder are defective in many respects, being no other than the Books of Entries of the Inquisitions, as they were received into the Office, containing in general only the Names of the Persons, the Date, and County; so that now, when the contents of these Inquisitions are entirely unknown, they are quite inadequate for the purposes of reference; and, as the preservation of these Records is of much importance, we feel it necessary to observe, that when properly arranged, and subdivided into Counties and Reigns, if Portfolios of an adequate size were provided for them, they could be more easily referred to, and would moreover be completely protected from any further injury or derangement.

TRANSMISSES OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ACTS OF PARLIAMENT.—The oldest Transmisses we could yet discover, are of the Reign of Henry VIII.; from thence to the time of the Union in 1800 they are preserved here; they are in good Preservation, and are lodged in Presses; but there is no List of them, nor Index of any kind.

TRANSMISSES.

Besides the several species of Records herein-before, and in the former Return mentioned, there are many others of various kinds; but we regret to state, that all these are so entirely deranged and dispersed throughout the Record Room, that we cannot, at present, be more particular in our account of them, but we hope, in the course of the ensuing summer, to have them in some arrangement.

OTHER RECORDS.

As the form and tenor of several of the more ancient Records before mentioned are at present unknown, except to very few, who had a particular opportunity of applying themselves, from time to time, thereto, we thought it would be a matter, not alone of curiosity to some, but of utility to many, if a few SPECIMENS and EXTRACTS from them were given, whereby the nature of the Records would be exhibited, so as to afford some light to an Inquirer, in what Class of them the object of his Search is most likely to be found, and the reading of the Originals be perhaps facilitated, an end very much to be wished for; and in doing so, and having those ends in view, it is hoped that such Specimens as we have subjoined, will be found neither uninteresting nor unimportant.

SPECIMENS, p. 77, & infra.

The Books of Reference to the various classes of Records, are very numerous, and, for many reasons, we judged it necessary to annex a List or Schedule of them hereto.* The only Books at present in use, are those relating to the Chancery Pleadings, and those referring to the Patent Rolls, the former, consisting of about sixty folio Volumes, are in general in very bad condition, being much torn, effaced, and otherwise damaged, in consequence of their being kept in the Office of the Copying Clerks, where the Public have indiscriminate access to them on the most trivial occasions; by which the entire Alphabets of several are entirely defaced, and the reference to the Pleadings thereby in danger of being entirely lost; to obviate this inconvenience, we beg leave to suggest, that it would be highly advisable to have them immediately removed into the inner Office, under the care of a Clerk, or confidential Person, who, for his trouble, might be authorized to receive some trifling sum by way of Fee for Search, as is the practice in other Offices; by doing so, they would be referred to only when necessary, and would be preserved from any future injury.

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The other Books now in use, namely, those referring to the Patent Rolls, are carefully kept in the way above recommended, as to the Pleading Books, but they are not in good condition, and are far from being complete or satisfactory references, even so far as they extend, which is only from the 18th of Henry VIII, and even in that period there is a chasm, by the want of the Book called LIBER SECUNDUS, referring to the greater part of the Reign of Charles I. as mentioned in the former Return. This Book has been lately discovered in the Parliament Office, and the restoration of it to the Rolls would be of much advantage.

The only Reference to the Rolls prior to Henry VIII. extant, is to be found in the valuable Manuscripts of the ingenious Mr. Lodge, and, as it is matter of just concern, as well as of Public inconvenience, that the Office should be destitute of a reference to those early Records, we beg leave to submit to this Honourable Board, the propriety of ordering a Transcript of Lodge's Manuscripts, with some necessary alterations and amendments, down to the time the references here commence; it would be contained in a folio Volume of moderate size, which would render the reference nearly complete, to the great benefit of the Public.

Besides the Books before-mentioned, there are several Volumes not in use, the principal part of which are prior to the Restoration; and, although not immediately in use, they are of too much consequence not to be preserved with care; we therefore beg leave to recommend the necessity of having them repaired, bound, and properly lettered; for, in case any accident should hereafter happen to any of the Books now in use, it might be remedied from some of these.

And lastly, we take this opportunity of stating what occurred to us, after much deliberation concerning the final arrangement of the several Records in the Record Room, which is extremely well adapted for the purpose to which it is applied. This Room is about 100 feet long, and 40 broad, and is divided into two parts, called the Lower and Upper Record Rooms, which latter is but a surrounding Gallery. After the completing of these Buildings, and the bringing of the Records here, they were placed in the Presses, both above and below, without any regularity whatsoever, except what little was observed towards the Pleadings and Patent Rolls; but almost all the other Records were promiscuously heaped together. Now, in order to facilitate the intended regulation, we found it necessary to consider all the Records under two general heads, namely, 1st. STOPPED RECORDS, or such as have ceased, as Inquisitions, Transmisses, &c. all of which can be placed so as to lose no room; and 2dly, GROWING RECORDS, or such as are daily increasing, as Pleadings, Fiants, Decrees, &c. all of which must be so placed as to leave room for those to come. And, as the Chancery Pleadings are by far the most numerous Records here, we think that the under Room should be appropriated for them exclusively. It contains 218 Presses, each containing six shelves, in which all the Pleadings to the present time could be chronologically arranged, and room left for Pleadings for many years hereafter. The Upper Room or Gallery, contains 54 Presses, each having six shelves, and in these we recommend the placing of the Fiants, Inquisitions, Transmisses, Decrees, and other miscellaneous Records, which they will easily contain when judiciously arranged and distinguished; but, as in this case there would be no room left for the Patent, Statute, and other Rolls, which are at present in the under Room, the Presses of which are not at all calculated for Rolls, being entirely too large, but which, as before mentioned, ought to contain only the Pleadings; we are entirely of opinion, that this much wished for arrangement cannot be completed, unless a range of new Presses be constructed exclusively for the Rolls, and properly adapted for their reception, which might be fixed round the Gallery, in place of the present railing, and should be made so as to contain not only all the Rolls to the present time, in proper order, but also those for many years to come. By those means the arrangement would be complete; a circumstance which could not but redound as much to the honour of its Promoters, as it would be of real service to the Country at large: And we beg leave to add, that, as Sub-Commissioners under this Honourable Board, our humble exertions shall never be wanting towards the accomplishment of so desirable an object.

All which we humbly certify to His Majesty's Commissioners on the Public Records, the 24th day of March 1812.

William Nash,
James Hardiman, } Sub-Commissioners on the Rolls Office.

SPECIMENS and EXTRACTS of some of the Ancient Records in the ROLLS OFFICE.

Ex Rotulo EDWARDI Primi.

Pro Xpoforo fit' Donald'

Edward Dī gr̃a Rex Angl' Dn̄us Hib̄niæ et Dux Aquit' Oib̄us Ballivis & fidelibus suis in Hyb̄n ad quos p̄sentes Littere pervenerint Sal̄m. Volentes Cristoforo fit' Donaldi M^ac Molisy Hibernico gr̃am face specialem Concedim' p nob̄ et Heredib⁹ nostris q^d id̄m Cristoforus hanc habeat Libertatem vidz q^d ip̄e de cetero in Hybernia utatur Legib⁹ Anglicanis & phybemus ne quis eum contra hanc Concessionem n̄ram vexet in aliquo vel pturbet. In cujus rei Testimonium has L̄ras n̄ras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste me ip̄o apud Westmonaste' vicesimo septimo die Junii Anno Regni n̄ri tcio decimo.

Statutum de Hib̄nia ex Rot. 20° E. 2^di

Edward par la Grace Dieu Roi D'Engle℈e Seign^r Dyrlande & Ducs D'Aquitagne as Erceve℈, Evesqes, Abbes, Priours, Countes, Barouns, Justices, Viscountes, Provestes, Ministres, & as touz ses Bailif℈ & Foialz, Salutz. Come nad gaires as Outves de la purificac̃on n̄re Dame l'an de n̄re Regne tierz a n̄re plement Somonis & tenuz a dounqes a Kilkenny feussent ascunes Ordinaunces & Estatuz faitz par l'Assent de John^s Wogan n̄re Justice & les autres de n̄re Counseil a don℈s en n̄re T̄re D'Irlaunde & l'Assent de Erceve℈qs Eve℈qs Countes Barouns & les Autres de la Cominalte de n̄re dite T̄re D'Irlaunde ill℈oqs esteaunz et au Moys de paske l'an de n̄re Regne tredzieme feusent ensement autres Ordinaunces et Estatutz a n̄re plement a don℈qs tenutz a Divelyn faitz p l'Assent de Roger de Mortimer n̄re Justice & les autres de n̄re Counseil a don℈qs en n̄re T̄re D'Irlaunde avaundite et l'Assent des Erceve℈qs Eve℈qs Countes & Barouns & lez autres de la Comunaltez de n̄re dite T̄re D'Irlaunde a don℈qs illiesqs esteiauntz al hon^r de Dieus et de Seint Eglise al p̄fist de n̄re poeple & mainteignaunce de n̄re poes de n̄re dite T̄re D'Irlaunde astouz Jours a tenir et a durer. Et al n̄re Plement tenuz a Dyvilyn al Mois de Pasche l'an de n̄re Regne dis & Septisme p l'Assent de John De Arcy n̄re Justice & les autres de n̄re Counseil a don℈qs en meisme n̄re T̄re de Irlaunde et l'Assent des Erceve℈qs Eves℈s Countes Bar̄s et les autres de la Comunalte de n̄re dite T̄re D'Irlaunde a don℈s illoc℈s esteiauntz feussunt ascunes Ordinaunces faites a tenir & a durer tan℈ au Plement don℈s p̄chein savaunt, puis a n̄re Plement tenuz a Kilkenny a la quinzeyne de la nativite Saint John^s le Baptist l'an de n̄re regne dis & noefius me q̃ fen le prochein Plement tenuz a℈s par l'Assent del dit John^s de Arcy n̄re Justice D'Irlaunde et les Autres de n̄re Counceil a donqes en n̄re dite T̄re D'Irlaunde et l'Assent des Erceves℈s, Eves℈s, Abbes, Priours, Countes & Barouns et les Autres de la Comunalte de n̄re dite T̄re D'Irlaunde a don℈qs illoes℈ esteauntz graumtez furunt Ordeignez et establiz touz les pointz Souzescripts c'est assavour, q̃ touz les Estatutz & Ordeignaunces faitz en les Plementz Susditez soient tenuz gardez & meigntenuz en touz lurs pointz en n̄re dite T̄re D'Irlaunde a durer a touz Jours Auxi bien celes Ordeignaunces q̃ furunt ordinez a n̄re dit Plement tenuz a Dyvelin au Mois de Pasches l'an de n̄re Regne dis septisme a durer tan℈ a n̄re Plement p̄choien suvaunt come les autres. ET Come en les ditz Parlementz Ordeine Soit q̃ chescune Cheventeigne de gũnt Lyneage Castie ceaux de seon Lyneage et de seon s̄noun, & ceaux de soen Lyncage et de soen s̄noun q̃ trespassent en countre n̄re Pees & touz larouns Robbeours Felouns & Mesfeisours Notoires & touz lurz Aherdantz qen Sa Seig^nie serrunt trove & recette en T̄re de Pees p̄ndra & rendra justizables a n̄re Court solum la forme en les ditz Ordeignaunces et Estatutz Contenuez. ET en meisme les Ordeignaunces & Estatuz ne Soit ordeine punicioun sur les Cheventeyns q̃ ceo ne fount. Ordinez est e establi q̃ chescun Cheventeyn q^l Ceo ne fra ou tut son poer soitreint a n̄re volunte as touts les foitz q̃ il s̄ra de ceo atteint. Estre ceo ordine est assentu & establi q̃ null Hum̃e veigne desoremes arme ne Afforciement en les Villes ou nous nos heirs ou nos Justic̃ tendront nos geñaulxs Plementz meis en venaunt dens meisme le Villes veignnt armez et auxi fortz p Sauvacioun de lur Corps Saunz Vilenie Mal ou Damage faire; come il verrount q̃il serra a faire. ET nous les avaunditez Estatuz & Ordeignaunces issint al Honour de Dieu & de Seint Eglise & au Com̃ũ p̄fit de n̄re Poeple & meintenaunce de n̄re Pees en n̄re dite T̄re d'Irlaunde faitz & ordinees acceptoms & ratephioms pur nous & nos heirs, & les Confermoms a durer pur touz Jours. EN tesmoignaunce de q̃ele Chose cestez nos Lettres avoms faitz faire patentes de n̄re Seal q̃ nous usoms en Irlaunde enscalees. Doneez en n̄re plein Plement a Kilkenny, le XI Jour de Juyl l'an de n̄re Regne dis & noefisme.

Liberate p Justic̃ et Canc̃. Ex Rot. Ed. 2^di anno vicesimo.

Custodi et Lib. etc Dilco etc Hen̄' de Thrapeston assign̄ ad supervidend̄ hoies ad arma et hobeler quos Johes Darcy Justic̃ n̄r Hib̄n̄ ducturus est in comitiva sua ad partes Ultoñ ultra nuñũ hõiñ ad arma quos tenc̃ debet sup feod̄ suũ et eciã hõies ad arma et hobeler quos ffr Rog⁹us Outlawe prior hosp̄ Sči Johis Jerlm in Hib̄n̄ Canc̃ n̄r Hib̄n̄ secũ ducet in Comitiva d̄ci Justic̃ n̄ri ad partes illas et ad Vadia dc̃or hoim et hobeler Solvend̄, qui quidem Justic̃ et Canc̃ profecturi sunt ad partes p̄dictas ad Castra Villas Maneria et alias T̄ras que fuerunt Rici de Burgo Com' Ulton' defuncti qui de nob' tenuit in Capite in manũ n̄r̃m Capiend̄ et ad extentas d̄cor Castrorum Villar̄ Mañiorum et terrar̄ faciend̄ et pac̃ in T̄r̄s ibid̄ guerrinis ponend̄ et tã ab Anglicis q^s Hib̄nicis dc̃e T̄re obsides p Cõservac̃oe pacis n̄re Capiend̄ Ac eciã Vic' et alios Ministros noīe n̄ro Constituend̄ ibid', Centũ Marcas ad Vad̄ p̄d̄cor̄ hoim ad arma et hobel solvend̄. T. p̄fato Justic̃ etc XIIII° die Aug̃ Anno sup^adc̃o p Bill'.

De quod' Memo^de p Art. Kevenagh Ex Rot. Pat. 51° Edwardi 3^tii 32.

Cum Art' Kevenagh qui se ꝑtendit Capitaneū Hibernicor' lageñ. existere, clamans quat' Viginti Marcas Annuatim de dno Rege pcipe p feodo suo, aggregata Sibi diꝝsor' hiberniconꝫ pciū ꝑdičaꝫ multitudine non modica, diversa homicidia deꝑdacões incendia et alia mala q^amplurima sup fideles dñi Regis in Com̃. Weys. Kylkenñ. Cathirlagh et Kyldar' multiplicit' perpetravit; Nolensq; se paci dñi Regis Conformare absq; Solucõe de dicto feodo sibi faciend; Concordatum est et concessum p Justič. et Consiliū pro dampnis et periculis que ex rebellione ďci Arthuri et alioꝫ Hibernicoꝫ sibi adherenciū dño Regi et suis fidelibus evenire possint evitand, q^d idem Justič. dictum Arthurum erga Dominū Regem p uno anno retineat; Et quod dicto Art'. de Viginti Marcis p primo quarterio dči anni dicto quarꝛio incipiente ad festū purificačois be^a Marie anno quinquagesimo primo, quasi de ere suo pprio satisfaciet, Ita q^d p hujus solucõem dñus Rex erga eū de dicto feodo onari non Valeat; quas quidem Viginti Marcas idem Justič pcipiet de Dño Rege p manus Thes. et Camar' Dñi Regis de Scčio suo Hiber̃. ad Solucõem predictam fač. Fiat igit' Breve Dñi Regis ꝑfato Thes. et Camar' de liberate ꝑfato Justič. predictas Viginti Marcas de thesaurar'. dñi Regis ex causa sup^adicta in forma Consueta.

De Licentia Maritandi Ex Rot. Pat. 9, R. 2do

Rex. Omĩbꝫ ad quos etč Sālt̃m' Sciatis q^d de gr̃a nr̃a Spāli Concessimus et licentiā dedim' Neste que fuit Uxr̃ Robti Holiwood Militis qui de nob' tenuit in Capite, q^d ipsa Maritare se possit cuicunq; voluerit, dum tamèn ad fidem r̃nam existat. Nolentes q^d ꝑdca Nesta rõne ꝑmissor' p nos vel Heredes nr̃os seu Ministros nr̃os quoscunq; futuris temporibꝫ occoñetur molestetur in aliquo seu g̃vetur. In cujus etč. T. ꝑfato locū Tenent' apud Cathirlagh XIIII. die Julii.

De Licentia Parliamentandi ex eodem Rotulo.

R. Omĩbꝫ ad quos etc. Sālt̃m Sciatis quod p bono pacis nr̃e et tranquilitate fidelis p̃p̃li nr̃i Concessimus et licentiam dedim' dilco nob Johi D'Arcy q^d ip̃e tractare possit et Parliamentare quociens sibi melius Videbit' expediré cū quibuscunq; tam Anglicis Rebellibꝫ q^am hibernicis inimicis nr̃is licet ip̃i in Cur' nr̃a de diꝝsis Sedicõibꝫ ffeloniis & transgressionibus indictati fuĩnt sive Utlagati; et ad eos dče paci nr̃e juxta Vires reformand. Necnon ad salvū et Secur' conductū eisdem de intveniendo ad loca ubi dčus Johes Occone hui' tractatus duxit ordinand ibm morand & exinde ad p̃p̃ia reddeundo a tempore in tempus concedend; pviso semp q^d tractatus ꝑdčus non fiat in ꝑjudiciū nr̃m aut fidelis p̃p̃li nr̃i Nolentes q^d ꝑfatus Johes aut heredes sui roñe ꝑmissor' per nos vel heredes nr̃os seu Ministros nr̃os quoscūque futur' tempibꝫ occonent' molestent' in aliquo seu g^avent'. In cujus etč ad voluntatem nr̃am duratur' T. ꝑfato Locū tenente apud Dublin XVIII die Octobr'.

Ex Rotulo Recog. 35 Hen. 8^vi.

Memorand q^d quarto die Decembris anno RR^i Henrici Octavi XXXV° Philippus Roche de Kilsale Armiger venit coram Dño Rege in Canč Sua Hiberniæ & Recognovit se dčre dčo Dño Regi ducentas libras sterling de bonis Catt̃ Terris & Ten̄ suis ad opus Dñi R. levand

THE Condicon of this Recognisaunce is suche, WHERE our said Soꝝaigne Lord the Kings most excellent Matie at the Contemplacon of the right honourable Sir Anthony Sentleger knight one of the gent. of his privey Chamber and his graces lord Deputie of Irland and his moost honorable Consaile of the same graunted to the above nounden Phillip Roche a lycens to carrie out of the realme of England two hondreth and fiftie quarters of Malt & fyve hondreth quarters of beanes to thentent that the said Phillip Roche his heires, executors admynystratours or assignes shold buylde a Castell near unto the Ryver of Glasselyn in the Com̃ of Corke; if the said Phillip his heires executors admynystratours or assignes within thre Yeres next after the date of thabove written recognisaunce doo buylde or cause to be buylded the Castell of Shepespool gardable and upon the pfection of the same bring or cause to be brought befor the Kings hieghnes Chancelo^r of this his Māties Realme of Irland in his graces hieghe Courte of Chancery a certificat or testimoniall of the Maior of the Cittie of Corke and the Towne of Kensale sealed with the Comon Scale of the said Cittie & Towne that the said Phillip his heires or assignes have buylded made up and clerly furnissed the said Castell that then &c. otherwise &c.

Cancellatur p Mandat' Dñi Canč rõne Certificat' sub sigill' Civitat' Corke et Ville de Kensale coram ipso Canč exibit' et in Canč residen̄.

Decretum Canc. tempore Henrici 8^vi.

Memorand q Cum Ricus Blake de Galway mcator conquestus fuit coram Dño Rege in Canc nra Hibn. qualiter ipe debite et juste possidebat unū Mes cū ptiñ in Galway pdict; Ac oia Mes Terr' et Tenūt cū ptiñ in Kyltollaghe Kylcarroke et in duabus ptibz de Balmacro Cowlrain jux Galway pdict in Conacia, Donec p quemdam Willuk at Willm filiū Edmundi filii Johis Juvenis et filios suos a possessione pmissor vi et injuste expulsus erat, unde dict Willuk at' Willms p quem Dominicū Lynche de Galway pdict mcatm, suū attornat, respondendo Dicit q^d mes terr' et tenūt pdict descendebāt & descende deberent sibi jure hereditario a quadam Silvia at Egidia Blake put in responso suo plenius apparet unde pdict Ricus Replicando Dicit q^d quidam Henricus Blake patr pdict Silvie at Egidie p cart suas legittime confectas dedit et concessit mes terr et tenūt pdict Willmo Blake Antecessori ipius Ric sibi et Hered suis, Virtute cujus, dict Willmus fuit seisit in Dnico suo ut de feodo, Et postea pdict Silvia at Egidia ut heres legtima recte hereditavit mes terras et tenūt pdict. Et q^d ipa Silvia at Egidia ut filia et heres pdict Henrici Blake p cartas suas legittime confectas dedit concessit et Relaxavit pfat Willo antecessori ipius Ric in possessione sua totū jus et Clameū q pdict Silvia at Egidia hūit in mes terr et tenūt pdict. Et a dict Willo ead mes terr et tenūt eidem Rico juste descendebant ut consanguineus et heres pfat Willi videlicet filius Galfridi Blake filii Johis filii pdict Willi prout in replicacione sua plenius continet^r unde visis, lectis, auditis, et pceptis, Billa, Responū, Replicacione, et toto pcessu pdict Necnon Sufficientibus Evidenciis pbantibus intenconem ipius Ric ac contenta in peticione sua allegata; Et p eo q^d nulle evidencie p pte ipius Willuk at Willi in dict Canc exhibit fuerūt Decretum est p Curiam Cancell pdict q^d pdict Ricus Blake heredes et assignat sui heant et pacifice possideant oia et siñgla mes terr et tenūt pdict cū suis ptiñ Donec et quousq pdict Willuk at Willius aut aliquis filior vel heredz suor exhibeat vel exhiberi faciat coram Dño Rege in Cancell sua Hibñ bonas et sufficientes evidencias ad excludend titulū prefat Ric hered vel assignator suorum.

Johes Barnewall, Cancelarius.
Johannes Alen, Vicecancellarius.

Decree.

Memorand in Ester term the XVIIIth day of Apryll in the XXXIIIIth ycre of the Reigne of our Soveraigne Lorde Henry the VIIIth by the grace of God kyng of Inglond, France and Irelond, defender of the faith, and in erthe supreme hed immediately undre God of the Churche of Englond and Irelond. WHERE as matter of Variance ys dependyng in the King's most honorable Courte of Chauncery before the right honorable John Alen Esquier Lorde Chauncelor to our saide Sovaigne Lorde the Kyng of this his grac' Realme of Irelond bitwine the moste Reverent father in God George Archbusshop of Dublyn and prymat of Irelond plantyf and Sr Chrystofer Howthe knight lorde of Howthe Def' concernynge the Ryght title invest and possessyon of a certeyne Iland callyd Irelandisia or Irelandis eye with th' apptenn' as apperyth by the Byll Answer and Replication on bothe parties exhibited before the saide lorde Chaunceler in the saide Courte of Chauncery and thereupon beying at yssue Witnesses on either ptie sworne and examyned which Bylle, Answer, and Replycacion, with the Witnesses before the said lorde Chaunceler in the saide Courte of Chauncery by good delyberacyon often tymes herde seen and well undrestoude. And also, Where as the saide Sr Chrystofer Houthe knyght lorde of Howth havyinge a dede of the graunte of the Mano^r Lordship or Iland of Houth made unto one of his Ancestoures knowying the same dede to be rased as it was alledged in theis words (cum ptineñ) orHouthe, and in place or leue thereof Irelandeysia or Irelandeseye written, to thentent and purpose to dysturbe and unquiet the said Archebusshop and othere his pdecesors and successoures in there juste and rightful title inheritaunce and possessyon of the saide Iland, hath shewid and publyshed the same dede and by diverse and sundry antyke Dedes, Evidences, & Wrytyngs, on the behalf of the said most Reverent father in God George Archebushop of Dublyn shewyd before the lorde Chauncelor in the said Courte of Chauncery, yt dothe apere unto the saide lorde Chaunceler and Courte, that the very right title interest inheritaunce and possession of the said Irelands eye or Irelandisia only hath and doth apperteyne unto the saide Archebusshop and his Successours, and that the said lorde of Houthe ne none other of his Auncetours were seaside or possessyde or had any other right title possession or interest but only at wylle and by sufferance of the saide Archebusshop and his pdecessoures, payinge therefore yearly such rent and pfyt as was bitwene them agreed. Wherefore it ys finally ordred, decreed and judged, by the said lord Chauncelor and Courte of Chauncery, that the said Archbusshop and his Successours shall have hold occupye and enyoie the possession of the said Iland Irelandisia or Irelands eye, with th'app'teñnc' as in their owne mere right title and interest for ev without impechement, let, interrupticion, or disturbance, of the said Sr Chrystofer hys Heires or any other persone or persones for theym or in there name or names, untill suche time as the said Sr Chrystofer his Heires or Assignes shall shew better mater for his clayme and title which he ptendyd unto the same Iland callyd Irelandisia or Irelandes eye. And further it is ordred decreed and judged by the said lorde Chaunceler and Courte of Chauncery that the said Sr Chrystofer Houthe knyght and his Executoures shall pay unto the said moste Reverent father in God George Archbusshop of Dublin & his Successours or Assignes a hundredth shillings for hys costes, expenses and charges, susteyned by wrongfull vexacion sewte and trowble of the said Sr Chrystofer in the saide Courte of Chauncery. And that the Kyng's Wryt of

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Injunctyon to be dyrected unto the saide Sr Chrystofer and his heires and to ev^y of them, that they and ev^y of them by vertue thereof upon payne of fyve hundreth m^rks do obs^rve pfourme and fulfyll the teno^r purporte and effecte of this Decree Ordre and Judgement, as to the right, title and possession of the said Iland, and as they wyll advoide further daunger, which for his contempt to theym may ensue. Yoven the day and yere above wrytten.

John Alen, Chancelo^r.

SPECIMENS & EXTRACTS of ancient RECORDS.

Fiant Henrici VIII.

Fiant tre Dñi Regis patentes in debita forma tenore verboꝝ sequeñ. Rex etc Oīibus ad quos etc Saltm. Sciatis q^d nos de gr̃a nr̃a speciali ac ex certa scientia et mero motu nr̃is Necnon in consideracione veri et fidelis servicii quod dil^cus subditus noster Terentius O Thole gen^rosus jamdudū nobis de Rebellione sua reconciliatus, indies nobis imposterū impendet; Dedimus Concessimus ac p p̃nt̃es Damus et Concedimus cid̃ Terentio Manerii et Castrum nr̃m de Powerscourte in Com̃ nr̃o Dublin Necnon oīa Mes̄ terras reddit̃, renc̃oes et servic̃, prat̃, pasc̃, pastur̃, bosc̃, Subbosc̃, Molendiñ, Aquas, Stagn̄, Vivar̃, Piscar̃, montes ac oīa alia hereditamenta nr̃a quecūq; cū oībus suis pertiñ in Vill̃ et hamlet de Powerscourte Kilpeter Kilcolyn Beanaghbege Beanaghmore, le Ovenaghe Ballicorty Templebegan, Kiltagoran Cokeston Anacrew Kilmolyng Ballinbrone Killeger et Manyster in Fercolen in Com̃ nr̃o p̃dict̃. Hēnd̃ et tenend̃ p̃dict̃ Manr̃iū et Castrū, Necnon oīa predict̃ Mes̄ terras teñ ac oīa alia cetera premiss̄ cū ptiñ p̃fat̃ Terentio et Hered̃ Mascul̃ de Corpe suo legittie procreat̃, Tenend̃ de nobis hered̃ et successoribus n̄ris in Capit̃ p̄ servicīū unius feodi Milit̃. Necnon reddend̃ inde nobis hered̃ et success̄ nr̃is annuatim idem Terentius et hered̃ sui p̃dict̃ ad Sc^um nr̃m Hibernie ad festa Pasche et Sū Michis Archi equis porcionibus quinq; Marcas leg̃ monete terre nr̃e Hibernie predict̃ p oīibus s̄viciis quibuscūq; absq; Compoto seu aliquo alio pinde nobis hered̃ vel Success̄ nr̃is reddend̃ solvend̃ vel faciend̃. Proviso semp quod p̃dict̃ Terentius hered̃ et Assign̄ sui p̃dict̃ et quilit eor̃ p tempe existeñ firmiter observabit pformabit et adimplebit oīa et singul̃ condic̃oes pmiss̄ pact̃ et Convenciones sequeñ viz. quod dict̃ Terentius hered̃ et assign̄ sui repabunt sustentabunt Manutenebunt et Custodient et quilit eor̃ p tempe existeñ repabit sustentabit manutenebit et custodiet castrū p̃dict̃ de Powerscourte firmū solidū Cooptū et defensibile Ac quod p̃dict̃ Terentius hered̃ et Assign̄ sui et eor̃ quilit ac Tenent̃ et inhabitantes Dñinii de Powerscourte p̃dict̃ ac cujuslit inde pcell̃ et oīm aliar̃ t̄rar̃ et Teñt̃ in his nr̃is t̄ris patentibꝫ specificat̃ et p̃dict̃ Terentio Concess̄ utentur habitu Sermone et moribꝫ Anglicanis p suo posse, et proles suas educabunt et educar̃ facient similiter. Et q^d dict̃ Terentius hered̃ et assign̄ sui et eoꝝ quilit t̄ras p̃dict̃ que p cultura fuint in et ad usum Cultur̃ ponent et custodient. Ac domos et edificia necess̄ p Cultoribꝫ t̄rar̃ p̃dict̃ edificar̃ facient infra tempus quo convenienter fieri poterit. Et q^d nec p̃dict̃. Terentius nec hered̃ vel assign̄ sui Capient ponent aut Assidebunt vel capi poni aut assideri facient oña aut imposiciones aliquas de aut sup Cultoribꝫ aut tenent̃ terrar̃ p̃dict̃ ultra et preter Custum̄ et annales reddit̃ a Colonis et tenent̃ solvi debit̃ et consuet̃ nisi de consensu et Voluntate locū tenent̃ aut Deputati nr̃i p tempe existeñ. Et q^d nec ips̄ dict^o Terentius hered̃ et assign̄ sui seu eoꝝ aliquis fiebunt aut tenebunt aliquos Scoticos vel turbarios nisi tot et tales jux^a formā modū et tempus, p Deputatū aut locū tenent̃ et Consiliū nr̃m limitand̃ et assignand̃. Ac q^d idem Terentius neq; hered̃ vel assign̄ sui neq; eoꝝ aliquis capient recipient levabunt aut petent aliquem reddit̃ nigrū Anglic̃ voc̃ *Blakrent* nec Coyne nec liv̄e aut aliquam aliam exactionem seu ullū onus de et ab aliquo Subdit̃ nostr̃ infra Com̃ Dubliñ, Kildar̃ et Catherlaghe. Et q^d dict̃ Terentius hered̃ et assign̄ sui et eoꝝ quilit tollerabunt et pmittent oīmod̃ vias Semit̃ et passag̃ fieri scindi et planar̃, in quolit loco t̄raꝝ p̃dict̃ et in Silvis, bosc̃, Maris̄c̃, et mont̃, de tempe in tempus quotienscūq; deputatus aut locū tenens nostr̃ p tempe existeñ volu̇int assignabunt et limitabunt. Ac q^d p̃dict̃ Terentius hered̃ et assign̄ sui et eoꝝ quilit et oīes alii tenent̃ et inhabitant̃ t̄rar̃ p̃dict̃ erunt nobis hered̃ et success̄ nr̃is obedientes et legibꝫ nr̃is et respondebunt br̃ib̄, p̃cepī pcess̄ et mandat̃ nr̃is infra Castrū Dubliñ aut alibi ubi Curie nr̃e Custodientur et leges nr̃e ministrabuntur. Et q^d idem Terentius hered̃ et assign̄ sui et eoꝝ quilit [et oīes alii] tenent̃, et inhabitant̃ t̄rar̃ p̃dict̃ p tempe existeñ quotiens et quando p̃moniti fuint respondebunt exurgent et transibunt cū locū tenent̃ et Deputato nostr̃ p tempe existeñ ad oña itinera Viag̃ regia excursus et invasioñ contra inimicos et Rebelles nr̃os eisd̃ modo et forma et tali numo hoīm cū equis Curribꝫ et Victual̃ in Comitiva sua put inhabitant̃ Mchie Com̃ Dubliñ et Kildar̃ respondere et transire solebant. Et q^d nec dict̃ Terentius hered̃ vel assign̄ sui neque eoꝝ aliquis tenebunt adjuvabunt supportabunt seu ullo modo recipient aliquem inimicoꝝ rebell̃ vel pdit̃ nostroꝝ hered̃ vel success̄ nr̃or̃ alioquin p̃sens Concessio vacua sit et nullius Vigoris in lege. Eo quod exp̄ss̄ menc̃o etc̃ aliquo Statuto etc̃. In cujus rei etc̃. Teste etc̃.

Fiant consimiles tre patentes Arthuro Juveni O. Thole de et sup Castro et Villa de Castelkevyne & le fferter p Cōsimil̃ redd̃ & s̄vic̃.

p { Anthony Sentleger. / Johannem Alen, Canc̃. / Thomam Walsh. / Johem Wynne. / Willm Cavendyssy.

Fiant Elizabeth R. — **Pleasith** itt yor highnes of yor moost habundant grace to graunt yo^re^ gracious lres patent̄ in due forme to be made after the tenor ensuyng And that this Bill signed with your Maj.sties hand maye be a sufficient and an ymmediat warraunt unto yor highnes Chauncelor or Keaper of yor Maties greatt Seale of yor Realme of Ireland for the tyme beying for the makyng sailyng and delyv̄y of the same.

Elizabeth Dei gracia &c. Omnibus ad quos &c. Salt̄m Sciatis q^d^ nos de gracia n̄ra spēali ac ex certa sciencia & mero motu n̄ris dedim^9^ & concessim^9^ ac p p̄sentes damus et Concedim^9^ Charissimo Consanguineo n̄ro Thome Comiti Ormond et Oss̄ie Officiū Thesaurarii n̄ri Regni n̄ri Hib̄niæ ac om̄nia & om̄iod vad̄ feod Regarda p̄ficua Com̄oditates advantagia et emolumenta quecūq; dcō officio sive officiario quoquomodo ptiñ, sive spectañ. Ip̄mq; Comitem Thes̄ n̄rm Regni n̄ri Hib̄nie p̄d̄ facim^9^ constituim^9^ ordinam^9^ et deputam' p p̄ñtes fiend̄, tenend̄, occupand̄ gaudend̄ & exercend̄ officiū illud p̄fato Comit̄ et assign̄ suis durante beneplito n̄ro p scip̄m aut deputatū suū sufficient̄ sive deputatos suos Sufficien̄ in om̄ib; ad instar Thes̄ n̄ri Regni n̄ri Anglie p̄cipiend̄ levand̄ et annuatim recipiend̄ in Officio illo eidem Comiti et assign̄ suis durante beneplito n̄ro oīa talia vad̄ feod̄ regard̄ Com̄oditates emolumenta advantagia ac om̄nia alia p̄ficua eid̄ officio sive officiario ut p̄d̄em est ante hec tempora aliquo modo pertineñ spectañ sive incumben̄ qualia Jacobus nup Comes Ormond̄ et Oss̄ie pater p̄d̄ nunc Comit̄ defunct̄ aut Jacobus nup Comes Dessemond defunctus vel eo; alter in et p exercicio Officii p̄d̄ h̄uerunt seu p̄ceperunt h̄uit seu p̄cepit co; alter, ad festa Sc̄i Mich̄is Archi & Pasche p equales porc̄ões De exit̄ & Revenc̄oib; n̄ris Regni n̄ri Hib̄nie p̄dict̄ p manus Vicethes̄ sive generalis Receptoris n̄ri Regni n̄ri Hib̄nie p tempore existen̄ ad festa p̄d̄ca añt̄ solvend̄; unacū Om̄ib; aliis feod̄ vad̄ regard̄ Com̄odita' emolument̄ advantagiis ac om̄ib; aliis p̄ficuis eid̄ officio sive officiario ant̄ hec tempora aliquo modo p̄tineñ sive incumbeñ. Eo q^d^ expressa mentio &c. aliquo Statuto &c.

Deliberat̄ fuit in Canc̄ Hib̄ñ XXVI die Augusti, A° R̄R̄ Elizabeth primo.

Commissio ad Captand̄ Inquisic̄onem post mortem. — **Jacobus** Dei gr̄a Angl̄ Scotie Franc̄ et Hib̄nie Rex fidei Defens̄ &c. dilecto sibi Waltero White Ar̄o Eschaetori suo provinc̄ Laginie Salt̄m p̄cipimus tibi q^d^ p sacr̄um p̄bor̄ et legium hom̄ de Com̄ Kildare p quos rei veritas melius Sciri poter̄ diligenter inquir̄ quas Ter̄ et que tenementa Walter̄ Wellesley de la Norraghe in Com̄ Kildare Armiger tenuit de nobis in Capite tam Dn̄ico q̄m in servitio in Com̄ Kildare p̄d̄ die quo obiit et quantum de aliis et p q^d^ Servitium et quant̄ Ter̄ et Tenementa ill̄ valeant p annū in omnibus exitibus et quo tempore idem Walter̄ Wellesley obiit. et quis p̄pinquior heres ejus sit et cujus etatis et quis vel qui Ter̄ et Tenementa illa a tempore mortis p̄d̄ occupavit vel occupaverunt et exit̄ et p̄fic̄ inde p̄cepit vel perceperunt quo titulo quiiter et quomodo. Et Inquisic̄oem inde distincte et aperte fac̄ nobis in Canc̄ n̄am sub sigillo tuo et sigillis eo; p quos fac̄ fuer̄ sine dilatione mittas et hoc b̄re. Teste p̄dilecto et fidel̄ Consiliario n̄ro Olivero St John Mil̄ Deputat̄ n̄ro Gerāt regni n̄ri Hib̄nie apud Dublin duodecimo die Septembris anno Regni n̄ri Angl̄ ffranc̄ et Hib̄nie decimo quarto et Scotie quinquagesimo,

EDGEWORTH.

Executio hujus b̄ris fac̄ est prout p Inquisic̄oem huic brevi annexam patet.

Inquisitio. — **Inquisitio** indentata Capta apud Vill̄ de Nace in Com̄ Kildare p̄ō die Martii anno Dn̄i Millesīo sexcentes̄ decīo sexto Annoq; R̄R̄s ac Dn̄i n̄ri Jacobi dei gr̄a Angliæ ffranc̄ et Hib̄nie decīo quarto et Scotiæ quinquagesimo Coram Walter̄ Whyte Ar̄ Escaetor̄ et ffeodar̄ Dn̄i R' Generał in ac p totā provinc̄ Lageniæ ac alibi virtute b̄ris de Cancellar̄ d̄ci Dn̄i R' eid̄ Walter̄ direct̄ ac huic Inquisic̄oñ annex̄ dat̄ XII° die Septembr̄ Anno RR' Angliæ ffranc̄ et Hib̄niæ XIIII^to^ et Scotiæ quinquagesīo Ad inquirend̄ quait̄ ter̄ et tenementoꝝ Walter̄ Wellesley de Norragh in Com̄ p̄d̄ Ar̄ tenuit de d̄co Dn̄o Rege in Capit̄ tam in Dn̄ico q̄m in servic̄, in Com̄ pred̄ die quo obiit et quañt. de aliis et p quod Serviciū et quañt. valent p ann̄ in oīb̄s exit̄ ultra repris̄ et quo tempe idem Walter̄ Wellesley obiit et quis p̄pinquior heres ejus sit et cujus ætatis et quis v̄ qui ter̄ et tenemen̄t illa a tempe mortis pred̄ Walter̄ occupavit v̄ occupaverunt et exit̄ et proficua inde p̄cepit v̄ p̄ceperunt quo titulo et quo modo p Sac̄m; viz.

Jacobi ffitzbury de Palm̄ston Gen̄.
Gilb̄ti Sutton de Ardresse gener̄.
Richardi Roe de Branganston gener̄.
Patricii Saunders de Newtown Omore gen̄.
Patricii Ailmer de little Kepagh gener̄.
Patricii Halquin de little Rath gener̄.
Arlandi Grace de Hemriston gener̄.
Thomæ Ash ffitz Rob̄t de la Nace gener̄.
Thomæ Sherlocke de ead̄.
Jacobi Moore de le Nace p̄d̄ gen̄.
Martini Longe de Bowdenston gen̄.
Joh̄is Allen de Bushopscourt gen̄.
Philippi Sherlocke de Halweston gen̄.

Probor̄ et legal̄ hominū Com̄ Kildare pred̄.

APPENDIX.
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SPECIMENS & EXTRACTS of ancient RECORDS.

Qui Juraţ dicunt sup Sacrm sũ quod Walteꝛ Wellesley nup de Norraghmore in Coñ pred aꝛ seisiţ fuit in Dñico suo ut de feod de Maneꝛ de Norragh pred Necnon de uno Castro decem Meš centum et viginţ Acꝛ terꝛ arab, Viginţ Acꝛ prať, trecenţ Acꝛ Comunis pastuꝛ cũ pertiñ in villa et Campis de Norragh in Coñ pred ac de et in uno Castro decem Meš quindec acꝛ terꝛ arab magnæ mensuꝛ uno Molendino Aquatic quinq, Acꝛ prať et centũ Acꝛ pastuꝛ cũ ptiñ in Insequire in Coñ pred, Ac de et in decem Meš Viginţ Acꝛ terꝛ Arab magñ mensuꝛ quinq, Acꝛ prať Viginţ Acꝛ bosc Centũ Acꝛ Brueꝛ et pastuꝛ cũ pertiñ in Skerries in Coñ pred; Necnon de uno Castro Sex Meš triginţ Acꝛ terꝛ Arabiţ magnæ mensuꝛ quinque Acꝛ prať Centũ Acꝛ brueꝛ et pastũꝛ cũ ptiñ in Ballanoytte in Coñ pred ac de et in uno Castro tribus Meš Viginţ Acꝛ terꝛ aꝛ magne mensuꝛ uno Cuniculario et Sexaginţ Acꝛ turbaꝛ et pastuꝛ cũ ptiñ in Kilgone in Coñ pred Ac de et in XV^{d} Capitať red añuatim exeunţ de Villa et Campis de Lipiston in Coñ pred Necnon de et in Octodec denaꝛ Capitať redd annuatim exeuñ de villa et Campis de Dermniston in Coñ pred Et de ac in Sex denaꝛ Capitať redd añuať exeuñ de viłt et Campis de Brownestowne in Coñ pred Ac de et in Octodec denaꝛ Capitať redd añuať exeuñ de Lynans Land in Coñ pred Necnon de et in IX^{a} III^{d} Capitať redd annuať exeunţ de Villa et Campis de Adamston Coñ pred Et de ac in duobꝫ solid sex denaꝛ Capitať redd Añuatim exeuñ de Cromp his Lande in Coñ pred. Et sic seisiţ existens in Dñico suo ut de feodo de oĩbus et singuł premiss dedit concessit et diu ante obitũ suũ p Chartã sũ feoffamenţ gerenţ daţ decio die Novembꝛ Anno Regni nup Reginæ Elizabethæ XXVIII° Confirmavit oĩa et singuł premiss. cuid Mauric Eustace de Clongonswood et aliis, ad usus et intenc̃on in dc̃a Charţ Specific̃ put p dc̃am Chartã Juratoꝛ pred sup capcoñem hujus Inquisic̃on in evidenţ ostenš magis plane liquet et apparet, cujus tenoꝛ sequitur in hæc Verba, Sciant &c. Dicunt preterea Juraţ pred super Sacrm suũ pred q^{d} oĩa et singuł premiss in Norragh Insequire Skerries Ballimoytte et Kilgone pred necnõ Capitať. redd pred Valent p añ in oĩbus exitibꝫ ultra repris VII^{li} et q^{d} tenent' de p̃clаro et p̃nobili viro Gerald Comiţ Kildare p serviciũ Militaꝛ. Dicunt Ulteꝛ Juraţ. pred sup sacrm suũ pred q^{d} pred Walteꝛ Wellesley obiit prio die ffebꝛ Anno Dñi 1614 et q^{d} Edmund Wellesley nunc de Norragh est ejus filius et proxiñ et legittim̃ hercs et q^{d} fuit ætatis trigenţ annoꝛ tempe mortis patris sui pred ac maritaţ et quod exitus pficua et pvenţ p̃missoꝛ pcipiebant' a tempe moꝛt pred Walteꝛ usque ad tempus capcoñis hujus Inquisic̃on secund Usus et intenc̃on in Charţ pred specificaţ. In cujus rei testimoñ tam prefaţ Escaetor quam p̃nominati Juratoꝛ sigilla sua alternatim apposueꝛ die Anno et loco prĩs suprascriptis.

Inquisitio Indentaţ Capţ apud Civitaţ Corke in Coñ Corke XII^{a} die Octobris anno Regni Dñi nr̃ Jacobi dei gr̃a Angł Scotiæ ffranciæ et Hibnie Regis fidei Defenš &c. Anno Regni sui Anglie ffrancie et Hibnie primo et Scotiæ XXXVII° coram Nicholao Kenney Armigeꝛ Escaetoꝛ Generaţ dicţ Dñi Regis p totũ Regnũ suũ Hibnie p Georgiũ Robynson Armigeꝛ Deputaţ suũ. Virtuţ Officii pred per sacrum

Peirse Gowle de Dowglas genẽr.
Willm Hodnett de Ballyvoadie gẽn.
Edmond Morroghe de Foote genẽr.
Willm Malefont de Killehy genẽr.
Thom. Flemynge de Bealgoly genẽr.
Jacobi Oge Barett de Currylieu genẽr.
Patric Terry de Ballyorwan genẽr.
Redmundi Magner de Aghady genẽr.
Nich. Barry de Rymore genẽr.
Gerald Barry de Dongornighe genẽr.
Ric fitz John de Knockrahye geñ.
Jacobi Hodnett de Courteneshry genẽr.
Willm fitz Edmond de Baran genẽr.
Owni M'Swyny de Mussanglassie geñ.

Qui Jur' dicunt sup sacrum suũ quod Donaldus O' Sollivan de Bearhaven in Coñ Corke Aꝛ aľs dicţ O' Solivan Beere de cad Aꝛ cũ diꝰsis aliis Malefactoꝛ Deũ pre Ocuł suos nõ ficnţ nec debiţ suũ legianc̃ mĩme ponderans sed diabolic̃ instigac̃ totaliţ seducţ XXVI^{to} die Decembꝛ anno Regni Dñe nr̃e Elizabeth nup Regine Angł &^{c} quadragesimo quarto et diꝰsis aliis diebꝫ et temporibus tam antea quam p̃ea injusţ et ex Malic̃ sua p̃cogitaţ veneꝛ vi et armis viz gladiis skeñ skutis &^{c} apud Bearehaven p̃dict in Coñ Corke p̃d et ad diꝰsos alios loc̃ infra Coñ pred et tunc et ibm cũ vexiłt displiciţ in Campo aperţ ea intenc̃oe ad exhereditaţ dicţ Dñe Rñe Regni sui Hibnie tam adherendo tunc et ibm Archipditoꝛ Hugõ Coñ Tirone et aliis Rebełt hujus Regñ quã sese conjungend Hispanicis (qui nup hoc Regñ Hibernie ad idem invadend et sub potestaţ Reg' Hispanie ducend apulerunt) levaver' erexer' et instigav'' bellũ crudelissimũ et public̃ hostilitaţ erga dict Dñã Rñã viz' Murderand spoliand dep'dand et comburend fidet subdiţ dicţ Dñe Re^{ne} ibm et alibi existeñ infra Coñ pred false voluntaꝛ et pditoꝛ tam contra debiţ suã legianc̃ pacēq, dicţ Dñe Rñe Coroñ et dignit suã quã contra form̃ et effecţ diꝰsoꝛ Statutoꝛ in eo casu facţ et provisoꝛ. Et dicunt preterea Juꝛ sup sacrum suũ q^{d} antedicţ Donaldus tempore ingress sui in Rebellioñ ut predicit seisiţ fuit in Doñico suo ut de feod de et in Maneꝛ et Castr de Donboy in Coñ pred ac de tribus Caꝛ Terꝛ eidem Castro adjacenţ parcełt Manerii pred que vaţ per añ ultra repris Viginţ solid. Et de una Caꝛ terꝛ et dĩ vocaţ Easte Killconyll in Coñ pred percełt Maneꝛ pred vaţ per añ ultra repris VI^{li}. Ac de et in tribus quarteꝛ unius Carꝛ terꝛ vocaţ Clanmore in Coñ pred p̃cełt Maneꝛ pred que vaţ per añ ultra reprĩs tres solid Et quod fuit etiam seisiţ in dominico suo ut de feod tempore intrac̃onis sui in Rebellioñ de XII Carucaţ terꝛ in the great Ilande in Bere in Coñ pred que vaţ per Añ Ultra reprĩs XL^{s}. Ac de VI Caꝛ terꝛ in le Dursyes in Coñ pred que vaţ p añ ultra reprĩs X^{s}. In cujus rei Testimoñ tam p̃faţ Escaetor p Deputaţ suũ pred quã Juꝛ pred Sigiłt sua p̃ñtibus alternatim apposuer̃ daţ die anno et loco prius suprascripţ.

The following EXTRACT is given as a SPECIMEN of the Repertory to the Inquisitions Post Mortem, &c. now forming, in the ROLLS and CHIEF REMEMBRANCER'S Offices, under the Authority of the Record Commission.

SPECIMEN of Repertory to Inquisitions Postmortem.

Barō de Charlemount. { Inq̃ capt̃ apud Dunganon XVIII° die ffebruarii anno Regni Regis Caroli decimo sexto coram Henrico Broome geñ feodař Coñ p̃dči (et aliis) virtute Coñissioñ dči dñi Regis ad *inquirend quas terras et que ten Willus nup dñus Caulfield Baro de* Charlemount defunct tenuit de dčo dño Rege vel de *aliquibz progenitor vel p̃decessor suis in capite t'm* in dñico q'm in servicio in Coñ p̃dčo, et quantū terř et tenťa illa valent p annū in oibus exitibz & quo tempore idem Dnūs Caulfield obiit et quis ppinquior heres ejus sit. sup sacrañ pboz, &c. Qui dicunt qd p̃fatus Willus nup Dnūs Caulfeild Baro de Charlemount defunct Sčitus fuit in Dñico suo ut de feodo de et in vill villať Balliboes pcell terř et hereditañ de Tullygeogeheigh ałs Tullygeogelehe, Ooghtinem'rich Rawarenemoddagh Et de & in le vill, Grange, Circuit, vel p̃cinct terř *vocat* Tulloghoge Et de et in vill villať Balliboes terř et hereditañ vocať Ardaghearan ałs Ballyneleagh, &c. (here follow the names of the several Townlands, which are always set out at length in the Repertory) Et de et in oibus decimis tam Majoř quam minoř Contingeñ Cresceñ renovañ sive emergeñ de et ex oibus et singl p̃missis prd que oia p̃missa sunt reputať ptes et pcell Abbie Scōz Petri et Pauli in Coñ Ardmagh Contineñ p estimacōem duo mille acř terř. Et de et in manerio vill et terř de Castlecaulfeild ałs Altenecarig cū ptiñ (here follow several other denominations) situať jaceñ et existeñ in Coñ Tyrone Et de et in oñibz ffeř annuatim tenend apud vill de Castlecaulfeild. Et ulterius Juř prd super Sacřm suū prd dicunt qd prd Willus Dnus Caulfeild šeitus existeñ de et in omibz & singulis p̃missis in dñico suo ut de feodo ultiñ voluntatē suam ppria manu sua scripť condidit cujus quidem scripť tenor sequit' in hec verba (here the Will is set out) Et ulterius dicunt qd quart die Decembris ultimo p̃terito ante capc̄onem hujus Inquisic̄onis p̃d Willus Dnūs Caulfeild obiit. Et quod Tobias Caulfeild est ejus filius et heres et etatis novemdecem annoz & dū mensiū tempore mortis prīs sui p̃dict et non maritať Et qd Maria Dña Caulfeild Baronissa Charlemount nup uxor p̃fať Willi Dñi Caulfeild plena vita existit et dotabit oīm et singl p̃miss prd put lex postulat postremoq, dicunt qd p̃missa modo tenent' et tempore mortis p̃dči Willi Dñi Caulfeild tenebant' de dčo Dño Rege nunc, in capite p ßviciū millit. Sub annuať reddit quadraginť uñ libraz octodecim solid et sex denař. In cujus rei testimoniū tam Coñissionař prd q'm Juř prd huic Inquisic̄oni sigill sua alternatim apposuer Dať die anno et loco supradictis.

SCHEDULE of the BOOKS relating to the Records, and now in Use in the ROLLS OFFICE; viz.

SCHEDULE of Books, in use, in the Rolls Office.

N° 1. An old imperfect Reference to the several Grants, &c. enrolled from the 22d Henry VIII. to the end of Elizabeth; it also contains separate entries of Grants of Manors in Ireland, including some of James I.:—A thin folio in bad order.

2. A tolerably perfect Reference to all the Enrolments during the Reign of James I.:—A thin folio in bad order.

3. The Alphabet to N°s 1. & 2.; it also contains entries of Grants of Escheated Lands not alphabeted:—A thin folio in good order.

4. A tolerably perfect Reference to the several Enrolments of Charles I. from the first to the ninth year of his reign, called "Liber Primus:"—A long folio, in indifferent order.

(Note.—A Book of Reference of the same kind, called "Liber Secundus," from the 9th of Charles I. to the end of his reign, was lost many years ago.)

5. An Alphabet to the several Grants, &c. of Charles I. referring to the pages of Lib. Primus, as far as the 9th year; and from thence referring to the years as marked on the Roll. The inconvenience attending the want of Liber Secundus, is this; that the Rolls must be recurred to for the nature of the article sought for, which would appear at once from Lib. Secundus, as it does from Lib. Primus; and (independent of the great and oftentimes useless trouble attending it,) the frequent recurrence to these Rolls is very detrimental to them.

6. A short Reference to the several Enrolments of Oliver Cromwell, with an Alphabet; the first entry is in 1653, but the principal part in 1655:—A thin folio, in bad order.

7. A Book marked "Cromwell's Leases." It contains matters of this nature from 1656 to 1659; and is alphabeted.

8. A List of Offices to Officers tempore Oliver & Richard Cromwell, from 1655 to 1659; not alphabeted.

9. An Abstract of mixt Enrolments, from the accession of Charles II. in 1660, being the 12th year of his Reign, to the 22d inclusively; alphabeted:—A thick folio, in tolerable order.

10. A short Reference to mixt Enrolments, from 23d to 25th Charles II. inclusive; alphabeted:—A thin folio, in bad preservation.

11. A like Reference to a like species of Enrolments, from 18th to 36th Charles II. alphabeted. It also contains a list of Grants tempore Elizabeth, James I. and Charles I.:—A middle-sized folio, in very bad order.

12. A tolerably

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SCHEDULE of Books, in use, in the Rolls Office.

12. A tolerably perfect Reference to all the Enrolments of the several Grants of Lands under the Acts of Settlement, with their saving Clauses, commencing the 18th, and ending 36th Charles II.

13. A Book, composed of two alphabets, one of the Grantees' names (in Book No. 12.) under the Act of Settlement, and the other of the Names of those in whose favour the saving Clauses were made in each of said Grants:—A middle-sized folio, in very good order.

14. A very imperfect Reference to the Grants of Lands made under the Commission of Grace of Charles II. and James II. commencing 25th August 1684, and ending 29th February 1688; there are two alphabets in the middle of this Book, referring respectively to each Reign:—A large folio, in good preservation.

15. A Reference to all the Charters and mixt Enrolments of James II. commencing 1684, and ending 1689:—A well-bound folio, in excellent order.

16. A short Reference to the several Enrolments of Grants, &c. of William and Mary, and afterwards of William; alphabeted; commencing the 2d year of their Reign, and ending the 14th of William:—A folio, in very good order.

17. A like Reference to all the Enrolments of Queen Anne; alphabeted:—In folio, in very good order.

18. Ditto - - - to the Enrolments of the several Deeds of Conveyance of Lands, Rectories, &c. conveyed by the Commissioners of Forfeited Estates to the purchasers thereof, in 2d Anne:—A thin folio, in good order.

19. Ditto - - - to all the Enrolments during the Reign of George I. alphabeted:—A folio, in bad order.

20. Ditto - - - to all the Enrolments during the Reign of George II. with an alphabet:—A folio, in good preservation.

21. Ditto - - - to all Enrolments from the commencement to the 33d year of His present Majesty's Reign; alphabeted; it also contains several specifications of Patent Inventions enrolled:—A folio, in tolerable order.

22. A short Reference to all Enrolments from the 33d year of His present Majesty to the present time; alphabeted.

The foregoing Books are the only References (for none of them can with any propriety be termed Repertories) to the Patent Rolls in this Repository. They are in many respects very deficient; but to enumerate the several instances would take much time and exclusive application to them; and digesting proper Plans to remedy their defects, would require considerable judgment and consideration. There is however one deficiency throughout, which we will mention, as being a great inconvenience to the Public, namely, the want of particular References to Grants of Offices, Manors, Tithes, Weirs, Fisheries, &c. and particular Denominations of Land; which, if the time of the Grants or Patentees' Names be unknown, as is very frequently the case, cannot be at all ascertained.

23. A Book of Reference to the Enrolments of the Decrees of Chancery, commencing the 3d James II. and ending 2d December 1795; with an alphabet. This Book contains only the names of the Parties and the dates of the Decrees:—It is in very bad order.

24. A like Book, commencing 1796, and continued on the same plan to the present time.

25. A Book containing alphabetical entries of Bishops' Certificates of Conformity (all of which are enrolled) containing the Converts' names, their additions, the dates of the Certificates, time of Enrolment, and numbers on the Rolls, commencing 1703 and ending 1789: also like entries of the Certificates of the Converts having taken the Oaths of Qualification prescribed by Act of Parliament, none of which are enrolled, but are kept in port-folios and numbered. This Book also contains entries of Certificates of Naturalization, which are also kept in the same port-folios with the Certificates of Oaths, and being but few, a separate Book was considered unnecessary for them:—A folio in excellent preservation.

26. A Reference to the Enrolments of Certificates of Catholic Converts, containing their names, additions, dates of the Certificates and Enrolments, commencing 1789 and continued to the present time:—A folio in good order. These two last Books were kept upon a very proper and regular plan.

27. A Reference to the Catholic Rolls, containing the Qualifications of Catholics who qualified in the different Courts and at the several Assizes in Ireland; containing the Parties' names, their residences, and when and where they qualified, commencing 1778 and ending 1790.

28. A like Reference to the Catholic Rolls for the Province of Leinster, commencing 20 April 1793 and ending 30 May 1796.

29. Like for Ulster, from 1793 to 1796.

30. Like for Munster, from 31 May 1793 to 21 August 1797.

31. Like for Connaught, from 3 May 1793 to 12 July 1796.

Sixty one large folio Volumes, being the Books of Reference to the Pleadings in Chancery; viz. Bills, Answers, Replications and Rejoinders; commencing in 1656 and continued to the present time:—The principal part of which are in very bad preservation.

Wm. Nash. *Ja^s Hardiman.*

Ex Rot. diversis in Offic. Rot. Canc. Hib.

No. 1.

[Ex rot. vocato " Antiquissimæ literæ patentes" temp. Edw. I.]

Edwardus dī gracia Rex Angł. Dominus Hibernie. ⁊ Dux Aquitanñ. Archiepīs. Epīs. Abbat[ ] Justiciariis. Vicecomitibꝫ. Prepositis. Ministˢ. ⁊ Omnibꝫ Ballivi[⁊ fidelibꝫ suis salutem. S[ ] Carta nostra confirmasse. Willelmo le Deveneys. Tres Carucatas ⁊ Quadraginta ⁊ quinq, Ac[ ] Kathiłł. Balitened. Balicolmay. ⁊ Dunderg. in tenemento de Obrun. Tenend ⁊ habend cū[ ] Dat p manū nr̃am apud Aberconewey in Snoudonia. vicesimo sexto die Marcii Anno regni nr̃i undecimo ad mandatum. S. Wat̄ford Ep̃i Justic̃ Hyberñ p litt̄as suas.

No. 2.

[Ex Rot. eod.]

Johs Dñs Hyb̄n. Com̃ Mortoñ Archiepīs. Epīs. Abb̄ibꝫ. Com̃. Baroñ. Justic̃. Const̄ ⁊ oib̄ꝫ Bailł ⁊ Ministˢ suis ſſranc̃ ⁊ Angł. ⁊ Hib̄enensibꝫ salm̃ Sciatis me dedisse ⁊ ꝯcessisse ⁊ hac p̄senti carta mea cōfirmasse Amalric̃ de sc̄o Laurēcio p homagio ⁊ ſvic̄ō suo terram de houede c̃ oib̄ꝫ ptiñciis suis. Ita lib̄e ⁊ qⁱete sic̄ patſ suus illam ūqᵃm meliᵒ tenuit ⁊ p ſviciū uniᵒ militis p oī. svic̄ō. Quare volo ⁊ firmiſ p̄cipio q̃ p̄dc̄s Amalricᵒ ⁊ heredes sui post eū habeāt ⁊ teneāt de me ⁊ h̃edibꝫ meis p̄dcam̃ ſram p p̄dc̄m ſviciū libere ⁊ qⁱete Integre ⁊ plenar̃ in bosco ⁊ plano in viis ⁊ semitis in pᵃtis ⁊ pasturis In moriss ⁊ mariscis In aqⁱs ⁊ molendinis In stagnis ⁊ vivariis. In eccl̃iis ⁊ capell ⁊ cū oib̄ꝫ aliis libertatibꝫ ⁊ lib̄is consuetudinibꝫ suis. T. Joh̃e de Aurei Galſſ de Costantyn. Eułk de Angło. Icodino fr̃e suo. Hug̃ Tyrell Rogſo fił suo. Ranñ de va. Adam Grosse Hug̃ Hose Adam Camario. Simone Neverell. Mauŕ fił Ph̄i. Rogſo de Sanstird Alb̄ico de Courci ⁊ mł̄tis aliis apd scm̃ Edmūd.

No. 3.

[Ex Rot. Clauso 20 Edw. II.]

Edward par la grace Dieu Roi Dengleſe, Seignr Dyrlaunde & Ducs Daquitaigne. As Ercevesq̃s, Evesques, Abbes, Priours, Countes, Barouns, Justices, Viscountes, Provostes, Ministres, & as touz ses bailiſc & foialx, salutz Come nad gaires, as outaves da la purificac̄on nr̃e dame lan de nr̃e regne tierz, a nr̃e plement somonis & tenuz a dunqes a Kilkenny, feussent ascunes ordinaunces & estatuz faitz, par lassent de Johnª Wogan nr̃e Justice & les autres de nr̃e counseil, a donq̃s en nr̃e ſre Dirlaunde & lassent de Erchevesq̃s, Evess, Countes, Barouns, & les autres de la com̄inalte de nr̃e dite ſre Dirlaunde illoeq̃s esteaunz.

No. 4.

[Ex Rot. Par. 29 Hen. VI.]

Itm̃ al requisicioñ dez coēz Que com̃ la custume de la ſre Dirlaund est & ad este de temps doūt memorie ne court q̃ ne luist a ascuñ lieutenªnt depute Justic̃ ou aulſ ascūn Govnouŕ desouth̄ nr̃e ſr le Roy en Irland de ordiñ sum̄oñ ou teñir ascuñ plement nr̃e ſr le Roy deinz la dit ſr̃ sinoū uñ faitz p añ Et pr ceo q̃ la necessite de cest ſre ore est q̃ coment q̃ uñ plement nr̃e ſr le Roy soit tenuz deinz uñ añ aps le darreine plement nr̃e dit ſr le Roy ore tarde tenuz devªnt le haunte & puissaunt Prince Richard duke de Evyk lieutenªnt nr̃e ſr le Roy en Irland pr ceo q̃ la fest de Paske pscheine aveñ est cy haut en la temps estivale q̃ un parlement nr̃e ſr Roy ne poet estre tenuz pſſitablement aps le dit fest de Paske pr lez eminentes guerrez dez Irrois Enemyez nr̃e dit ſr le Roy en Irland qī soloient aler al guerre continuelment aps la fest de Paske Ordeinest & establie p auctorite du dit Counseill q̃ uñ faitz bien luist a nr̃e ſsgraciouse ſr ore depute al dit Duke lieutenªnt nr̃e ſr le Roy en Irland de somoñ & teñ uñ plement nr̃e ſr le Roy penſ cy & la fest de Paske pscheine aveñ le dit custume nient obstaūt et q̃ aps cel̃l foitz le dit custume ſr̃ tout temps en sa force.

No. 5.

[Ex Rot. Clauso 20 Edw. IV.]

Md qd quartodecimo die Maii Anno r̃r̃ E. IIIIth decimo nono Geraldus Comes Kildar̃ Willius Wellysley dñs de dengyñ Wiłs Houth̄ Armigſ & Cristoforus Hall gent̄ coram dño Rege in Cancellar̃ sua Hib̄n compar̃ent & manucepunt & quiłt eoꝫ manucepit sub pena viginti libraꝫ ad opus dc̄i dñi Regis levend de om̄ibꝫ ſris teñ bonis & catallis suis infra ſram Hib̄n p Jacobo Ketyng priore hospitalis sc̄i Joh̃is Jerłm in Hib̄n qd ip̄e nullū dampnū aut malū faci[ ] in futur̃ alicui ligeo nr̃o nec ab aliis fieri pcurabit.

Cr rot. diversus. in offic. Rot. Canc. Hib.

f. 1.

Edwardus dei gra ad ⟨illegible⟩ Dominus Hibernie. & Dux Aquitanie Archiepis. Epis. Abbat
Justandrus. Gracomitib. Prepositis. Comitib. & Omnib. Ballivis & fidelib suis Galwey. Sal
cayrad vestra consyramasse. Willelmo le Venevs. Tres Cantadas & Quadrigatas & quinq; Ba
tachull. Balvenev. Balliobrady. & Hundeth. in Cenemeato de Obryn. Tenend. & habend ea
Dat p manu ipsam apud Aberconeskey in Snouldonia. Vicesimo sexto die Octobris
Anno regni regis Edwardi ad mandatum. W. Bathoniensis Epi Justic. Hib. & locum. suos.

f. 2.

Pateat Universis. Quod Egidius. Comes Augustonie Archiepis. Epis Abbatib. Comitib. Baron. Justic. Constab & aliis Ballivis & omnibus fidelibus suis Sciant & Hibernensibus Salutem
Sciatis me dedisse & concessisse & hac presenti carta mea confirmasse Willo filio Hugonis de Burgo pro servicio & homagio & dilecti filii mei Walteri de Burgo terras Tenementa
Insulas Stallagia & quascumq; alias res quas idem Willus de me tenuit & pro quibus ad me
dictum Walterum pertinuerunt habend & tenend eidem Willo & hered suis de me & hered meis
post me libere & quiete & honorifice in omnibus & per omnia sicut aliquis Comes Anglie & Hibernie aliquem
Baronem suum liberius & quietius honorificentius & plenarius in Regno Anglie vel Hibernie
Quare volo & firmiter precipio quod predictus Willus & hered sui
post me habeant & teneant de me & hered meis predictam terram & predicta omnia libere & quiete honorifice & plenarie in bosc & plano in aquis & pratis in pascuis & pasturis in
Viis & semitis in Stagnis & Vivariis. In ecclesiis & capell & aliis libertatib & rebus consuetudinib suis. Testib Johe de Cherleton tunc
de Constantyn. Galf de Aungelo Rodno fre suo. Hug Dyvelt Rogo fil suo. Willo de Ba. Willm Grosse Hug Rose. Willm Camapio. Simone Stevenell
Ayaud fil Oth. Rogo de Sanford Willmo de Bourc & aliis alis apd Sctm Edmund.

f. 3.

Edward par la grace dieu Roi Engleterre Seign Hyrlande & Duc Aquitaigne. A tous Archevesqs Evesques Abbes Priours
Comtes Barons Justices Viscontes Provostes Ormistes & as tous ses Baillifs & foialx & saluz Come nadi garder as ou-
nes de la primsicion nre dame lan de nre regne treiz & nyf plement comons & tenuz a Bungey a Billemy Kersseint assemes
ordenances & estatuz fauz par assent de Sohn Wogan nre Justice & les autres de nre conseil a dongs en nre dite Hyrlande &
lassent de Archevesqs Evesqs Comtes Barons & les autres de la commalte de nre dite Hyrlande illoeqs assemblez

f. 4.

Come al requisicion des ceux Duc com la custume de la dite Hyrlandz est & ad este de temps dont memoire ne court q̃ nul Justic a estre herdement
depuis Justice en cele estre Parlement Desirrez nre Sr le Roy en Hyrlande de ordener Comun en temps estre plement nre Sr le Roy de nuz ha dit q̃
Comun ent fassez p aid pur ce q̃ la necessite de tost the ore est q̃ coment q̃ ent plement nre Sr le Roy sont temz denz cest an apres le dapeine plement
nre dit Sr le Roy ore tarde temz Dunte le hamas & puissant prince Richard Duke de Eny & herdement nre Sr le Roy dn Hyrlandz p ceo q̃ la feste de Pasche
pchend ancrit est cy hurt en la temps estinale q̃ en parlement nre Sr le Roy ne pout estre temz apparablement apres le dit feste de pasche p les
enmitez gueres des Hous Buenpez nre dit Sr le Roy dn Hyrlandz q̃ lors dut alez al guere continuelment apres la feste de pasche Pdemest &
establi p auctorite dn dit Comsell q̃ en tant bien lust a nre estatuns fuz deputez al dit Duke hardement nre Sr le Roy dn Hyrlandz de comun &
rend pur plement nre Sr le Roy pend ore & la feste de pasche pchend ancrit le dit custume mient observe et q̃ apres cell fortz le dit custume de tout temps ad

f. 5.

Memd quarto decimo die Aprilis Anno pr̃ R. nunc Decimo nono Hoc anno
Hilary Baillius Scelly Roy dns de Dongyn Castle South d Lungs & Ffurfoxus
Jack your cozen dict Roy in Chancellar cur habit compareuit & manucepit
& quite de eo manucepit sub pena centum librar ad opus dci dni Regis
Condicio de omnib rebus terr bonis & catallis suis nisi a tam habu & Jacobo Ketyng
prioz Hospitalis Sci Johis Jerus in Hibn &c. quod inter eos dampnum aut malum fiat
in futuro alteri ligeo nro vel ab alio fieri procurabit

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Ex rec. diversis in Offic. Rot. Canc. Hib'.

[Ex Rot. clauso 19 Edw. IV.]

No. 1.

In thes Articles folowing beñ comprised þ^e^ kyng^e^ wiłł de℞minacioū coīmaundement & plefs upon þe parliament^e^ holdyn late at þ^e^ Naase & Drogheda. and upon the pliament þ^t^ shal be nowe next holdyn within his land of Irland.

Whereas have been gret variences of late in o^r^ said land of Irland upon two pliament^e^ ther last holdyn þ^t^ oon at þe Naase þ^t^ o þ^r^ at Drogheda whoþ^r^ of þeyn shuld be of auctorite we have þeřupon taken suche direccioñs as folowith.

ffurst we considre þ^t^ in the said two pliament^e^ were coīmēd & concludet pryncipaly two Act^e^ þ^t^ ooñ touchyng þe g^a^untes of ℭtayn subsidies for þ^e^ wele & defence of o^r^ said land The secund cōℭned Resumpcions, as well of offices as of o^r^ Revenūs.

[Fiant of H. VIII.]

No. 2.

To the King our soveraigne Lord

Henry ℟

Please it your highnes of your most noble and habundaunt grace to graunte your gracious łres patent^e^ under your grete seale in due fourme to be made according to the tenour herafter ensuyng, And that this bill signed w^t^ your most gracious hande may be sufficient and Immediat warant and discharge unto the most Re℞end father in God Hugh Archebisshoþ of Dulyng Chaunceler of your land of Irland for the making forthe ensealing and deli℞ee of the same, or in his absence to our keper of the same.

Rex &c^a^ Oīmibus ad quos &c̄ saltm. Sciatis qđ nos de grā nr̄a spīali ac ob certas causas racionabiles nos ex avisamento Consilii nr̄i speciaľr moventes ordinavimus & constituimus ac p ℘sentes ordinamus & constituimus dilc̄m nobis Geraldum Aylmer secundum Justiciariū nrm̄ de Cōe banco infra terrā nrām Hibnie Officiūq, secundi Justiciarii nr̄i de banco predco ei concedimus p presentes Habend tenend et occupand Officiū illud prefato Geraldo durante benepłito nr̄o pcipiend in Officio illo annuatim feod vad & regard eidem officio ab antiquo debita & consueta ad termīos inde consuetos de exitibz revenc̄oibz et proficuis manūii sive dominii nr̄i de Eskyr in Coīn nr̄o Dubliñ p manus Receptor̄ nr̄i ibm pro tempore existeñ Eo qđ expressa mencio de vero valore annuo officii predc̄i seu ceteroz ℘missoz aut alicujus inde in ℘sentibz minime fact̄ existit. Aut aliquo statuto actu ordinac̄oe concessione provisione seu restricc̄oe incontrariū fact̄ edit̄ sive ordinat̄ non obstañ. In cujus rei &c^a^.

No. 3.

[Decree in 1579.]

Memorandū that for the matter in varyance betwyxte the Mayo^r^ Shereves & Comynaltie of the Cyttie of Dubline Complaynant^e^ agaynst Edwarde Brabson esquyer and Stephen Monteney defend^e^ for and concerninge the tythe of St Thomas Courte claymed by the said Complaynant^e^ to be Within the Jurysdiction and Lybertie of the Cyttie of Dubline and to be subjecte to Scotte and Lotte Withe the inhabitant^e^ of the said Cyttie; ffforasmoche as af℞e Longe debatinge of the saied Cause before the righte honorable Sr Willim Gerrade knyghte Lorde Chauncello^r^ of Irelande the playntyf^e^ ffayled to ꝑve the Content^e^ of ther byll, the defend^e^ are by the saied Lorde Chauncello^r^ and Courte dysmyssed frome this Courte Withe the some of X^li^ Currante money of Englande for there Cost^e^ susteyned in this Sute. Yeoven at Dublyne the XVIIIth daye October A^o^ dñi 1579.

Wm Jerrad.

Ex rec. divers. in offic. Rot. Canc. Hil.

No. 1.

In thes Chrystes folowyng bey compysed ꝑbyngh with dyfficultie dmaundem dat ꝛ ploso
vpon ꝓpazliamdt holdyn laȝe at ꝑ Chaase ꝛ drogheda. and vpon the pliamdt ꝛ pshalbe
none nꝛt holdyn within this land of Irland.
Whꝛas hand bery grat vayences of late mo said land of Irland vpon thoo pliamdt thoꝛ
last holdyn ꝑ sm at ꝑ Chaase ꝑ of at drogheda whos of ꝓfyt shuld be of duetie wch hand peȝ
vpon taken such dyfficultie as folowyth
ffurst wꝛ consydꝛo ꝑ in the said two pliamentꝭ ꝓuo dmaundꝛ ꝛ concludꝛ ꝓmyspally thoo dat ꝑ
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Please it your highnes of your most noble and habundant grace to graunte your gracious
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hereafter ensuyng, and that this bill signed wt your most gracious hande may be sufficient
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ensealing and delyuere of the same, or in his absence to our kepar of the same

Rex &c. Omnibus ad quos &c. salem. Sciatis qd nos de gra nra spiali ac ex certa sciencia ac mero motu nris
Consilij nri specialr mouentes ordinauimus, constituimus ac p ꝑsentes ordinamus, & constituimus Dilm nobis Geraldum
Fynner Scrutinium Justiciar nr nrm de Com banco nuper terre nre Hibnie Officium, secundi Justiciarij nri de banco predco
di conadmus p ꝑsentes habend tenend et occupand officium illud prefato Geraldo durante bene placito nro Prefrendum
officio illo annuatim fod vad ꝛ regard eidem officio ab antiquo debitu ꝛ consueta ad terminos inde consuetos de fructibz
reuencionibz et profitus quibuscunq; Dominij nri de Esther in Com nro Dublin p manus Receptor nri ibm pro tempore existen
Eo qd expressa mencio de vero valore annuo officij predci seu certitudine ejusdem aut aliorum inde in ꝑsentibz minime facta
existit. Aut aliquo statuto actu ordinacõe vel restrictione in contrarium facte edite siue ordinate non
obstan. In cuius rei &c. T. &c.

No. 3.

Memorandum that for the matter in variance betwyxte the Mayor Sheriffes & Comynaltie
of the Cyttie of Dublyn complaynante ayaynste Edwarde Brabson of Esquyer and
Godfrey Mortons defende for and touchyng the right of St Thomas Courte
& Mylnes by the said complaynante to be Withyn the Jurysdiccion and Liberties of
the Cyttie of Dublyn and to be subiecte to Tholle and Lotte Withe the
inhabitantes of the said Cyttie, Forasmuche as after Longe debatinge of the
said cause before the right Honorable Sr William Gerrarde Knyght
Lorde Chancellor of Irelande the playnteffe ffayled to proue the contente of his
bill, the defende ꝛ ye said Lorde Chancellor and Courte by Iuȝement
frome hens dismyssed Wherfore the same is remytted vnto the Iuysticiers of Englande
for the Cyttie sittyng in this Cite Tuesday the xxiijth daye
October Anno 1579

Wryghte

Wm Flavelle scrip.t

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James Basire sculp.

Ex Offic. Rot. Canc. Hib.

No. 1.

[Inquisitio 37 Eliz.]

Inquisicõ Indentata capta apud villã de Casshelle in Coñ Crocie Tipparie primo die Maii anno Regni illustrissime principis et dõine nr̃e Elizabeth Dei grã Anglie Franc̃ et Hib̃nie Re^{ne} ſidei defensore &c̃. XXXVII^{mo} Corã Anthonio Harpenny geñ deputaţ Nichõ Kenney aṙ generaţ Escaetor̃ et ſeodaṙ dicţ dñe Regine infra et p totũ hoc regnũ Hib̃nie tam infra Lib̃taţ q^{a}m ex^{a} virtuţ offic̃ sui pred̃ p scr̃m probos et legaliũ hoiũm Coñ pred̃ quorũ noĩa subsequntur vizt :

Edmundus Moclere de Ballincottinn	Galfridus Moclere de Balliclerahan	Thomas Mandvell de Loghlogre	Edd Flẽinng Fiẓwalter de Casshell
Eustacius Englishe de Cloghnockie - } juṙ.	Rob̃tus Prindergast de Killmenyne } juṙ.	Walterius Hackett de Fetherd - } juṙ.	Edd Flẽinng Fiẓpathrik de ead̃ - -
Edmund Moclere de Ballicurrynn - -	Thomas Buttler d Rathneloure - -	Jacobus Pynn de ead̃ - - - - -	Thomas Gregorie de ead̃ - - - -

Qui Juraţ dicunt sup scr̃m suũ pred̃ quod Joñes Sherlocke nup de Balliclerahane in dicto Coñ Crocie Tipparie diem clausit extremũ ultimo die Junii 1586. Et quod tempe morţ sue pred̃ seysitus fuit in doñico suo ut de ſeodo de et in villa et campis de Balliclerahane pred̃ continenţ unũ Castrũ decem cottag̃ et unũ Carucaţ terr̃ cũ õnib9 et singuł sš p̃tinenc̃ in pred̃ Coñ que vał p añ̃ ultra repriss̃ XL š. Ităm dicunt pred̃ juraţ sup scr̃m suũ pred̃ quod dicţ villa de Balliclerahane cũ õnib9 et singuł sš p̃tineñc pred̃ tenentur de dicţ dõina R^{na} sed per que servicia pred̃ juraţ dicunt quod penitus ignorant Et dicunt etiam pred̃ jurat sup scr̃m suũ pred̃ quod Patricius Sherelocke est legitimꝫ ſilius et proxim^{9} heres dicţ Joh̃is Sherelocke et quod erat ætatis triũ annoꝫ tempore morte p̃ris sui pred̃ et non maritaţ. Ităm dicunt sup scr̃m suũ pred̃ quod Joñes Purcell nup de Burrishleaghe in dicţ Coñ Crocie Tippaṙ obiit vicesimo die Novembris 1590 Et quod tempe mortis sue pred̃ seisitus fuit in doñico suo ut de ſeodo de et in vił et Campis de Burrishleaghe pred̃ continenţ uñ Castr̃ Quadraginta messuag̃ et unũ Carucaţ terr̃ cũ suis p̃tinenc̃ in Coñ pred̃ que vał p añ̃ ultra repriss. X^{li}. Et similiter dicunt pred̃ juraţ sup scr̃m suũ pred̃ quod oĩa premissa tenentur de dicţ dña Regina sed p que servic̃ penitus ignorant Et quod Thomas Purcell est legitim9 filius et p̃ximus heres dicţ Johĩs Purcell et quod erat ætatis sexdecim Annoꝫ tempe mortis p̃ris sui pred̃ et in vita et ante obitũ p̃ris sui pred̃ maritaţ In quorum om̃iũ et singuloꝫ premissoꝫ veritaţ tam p̃d̃ jurat quã pred̃ deputaţ Nicho Kenney Escaetor̃ sigiłł sua aposuerunt die et anno sup^{a} dicţ.

Antho. Harepenie dep. Escaetor: et ſeedar.

No. 2.

[Fiant 9 Eliz.]

Jac. Sydney,

Delib̃raţ ſuit Dño cañc Hib̃nie XX° die Junii Anno Regni Regine Elizabeth nono ad exequend̃.

Fiant lr̃e Domine Regine patentes in debita ſorma subtenore verborum sequeñ **Regina** &c^{a} š. Omnibus ad quos &c̃ Salutem Sciatis qd̃ nos de vera obediencia Donaldi O Madden humilr̃ petentis se ad Capitaneatum sive gubernam̃en patrie de le Longfort cum Sylvamkhey coĩter nuncupaţ O Maddens Contrey in Regno nr̃o Hib̃rnie (unde Hugo Mac Molaghlyn Ballagh O Madden defunctus nuper ſuerat Capitaneus) deq̄ ejusdem Donaldi promptitudine ad dess^{r}viendum nobis atq̄ ad patriam illam et nostrorum subditorum in eadem degentium recte decenter et ſidelr̃ gubernandum et tuend̃ plurimum confidentes; eundem Donaldum (qui nunc semetipsum de murdro sive occisione prefati Hugonis de quo antea coram nobis accusatus extitit sufficienter purgavit, prout ex parte ejusdem Donaldi per Reverendum patrem Rolandum Clonfortensis Episcopum ceterosq̄ sui dioces̃s clic̃os per lras suas nobis est relatum et intimatum, inq̄ se defendendo prefatum Hugonem dicte patrie Capitaneum occidisse, nec aṫr sontem aut reum ſore de occisione predicta) Capitaneum patrie predicte, de et cum assensu et concensu dilecti et ſidelis Consiliarii nr̃i Henrici Sydney prenobilis ordinis nr̃i garterii militis, presidentis Consilii nr̃i Wallie ac m̃chiarum ejusdem ac deputati nr̃i generalis Regni nr̃i Hib̃rnie, nominamus, ordinamus, preficimus, et constitimus p p̃tes: habend̃ tenend̃ gaudend̃ et occupand̃ Capitaneatum predicţ cum omnibus suis p̃tineñ proficuis Juribus et advauntagiis quomodolib̃t de antiquo debitis et usitatis, eidem Donaldo q^{a}mdiu sese bene gesserit ut noster ſidelis subditus, ac teneat p̃impleverit et p̃formaverit nobis et Successoribus nr̃is tenorem formam et effectum õium et sing̃lorum illorum articulorum in quadam Indentura inde inter nos et prefatum Hugonem Mac Molaghlyn Balagh ex daţ diei Anno 1566 specificatorum et qui ex p̃te ejusdem Hugonis essent sive ſorent performandi et p̃implendi, et porro accedat ad dictum deputatum nr̃m vel aliquem alium dicti Regni nr̃i Hib̃rnie gubernatorem pro tempore existentem et ad consilium Regni nr̃i predicti quandocũq̄ p mandatum sive lr̃as eorum vel eorum alicujus habuerit in mandatis ad eos accedere Ac insuper volumus qd̃ predictus Donaldus dabit et solvet dicto nr̃o nunc deputato de ſine pro nominac̃oe ejusdem Donaldi ad officium Capitaneatus predicţ, octoginta pingues vaccas et eas liberabit apud Molyngar in Coñ de Westmeth ad sive ante ſestum sanct̃ Petri ad vincla proẍ futur̃ ad libitum et voluntatem Deputati nr̃i predicti. In Cujus Rei &c̃ Teste &c̃.

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1 Ex Offic. Rot. Canc. Hib.

No. 1.

Inquisicõ Indentata capta apud villa de Dasshelle in dom dñorie Tyrparie primo die Maij anno Regni illustrissimo principis et dñe nre Elizabeth dei grã Anglie ffranc et Hibnie Regine fidei defensorꝭ &c. coram Egidio Ashemole Lancastr gen hd deputat Cancellar Regni ad generalem Cancellar et fedar dict dñe Regine infra et p totũ hoc regnũ Hibnie tam infra Libtat quam extra virtute offic sui pred p sacrum probor et Legaliũ hoim dom pred quorũ nomina subsequntur viz:

Edmundus Morlere de Ballinattim — Galfridus Morlere de Ballirlerahane — Thomas Mandrell de Loghlogan — Edmundus fitz Walter de Dasshell
Eustachius Englishe de Blogswrkit — in Fabrũ grand exgaet de Killmeryne — in Walterũ Hartell de ffelgerd — in Flemyng fitz Patrick de eadem
Edmundus Morlere de Ballinrayn — Thomas Buttler de Tahane lowre — Jacobus Peym de eadem — Thomas Gregorie de eadem

Qui Jurat dicunt quod Johes Shorlocke nup de Ballirlerahane in dicto dom dñorie Tyrparie diem clausit extremum vltimo die Junij 1586 — Et quod tempore mortis sue pred Johes seisitus fuit in dominico suo vt de feodo de et in villa et campis de Ballirlerahane pred continent prim Carucat terre rotat et pond Carucat terre vid oubg et singulis ꝺ̃ps inde in pred dom que pcat p anũ vltra reprisas vlt. Item dicunt pred mirat sup sacrum sun pred quod dict villa de Ballirlerahane vid oubg et singulis ꝺ̃ps inde pred tenentur de dict dom Rea sed per quit servicia pred mirat dicunt quod pdict ignorant Et dicunt etiam pred mirat sup sacrum sun pred quod Patricius Shorlocke ult Legitim filius et propinq hered dict Johis Shorlocke et quod erat aetatis trium annor tempore mortis pris sui pred et non maritat. Item dicunt sup sacrum sun pred quod Johes Purroll nup de Burrishtragh in dict dom dñorie Tyrpar obiit vicesimo die Novembris 1590 Et quod tempore mortis sue pred Johis fuit seisitus in dominico suo vt de feodo de et in vill et campis de Burrishtragh pred continent xvi dayr Quadragint a mess stag et com Carucat terre vid sive p indiv in dom pred que pcat p anũ vltra reprisas ꝺ̃. Et similiter dicunt pred mirat sup sacrum sun pred quod dca premissa tenentur de dict dña Regina sed p quit servic premiss ignorant Et quod Thomas Purrell ult Legitim filius et propinq hered dict Johis Purrell et quod erat aetatis xx annor tempore mortis pris sui pred et in pria et ante obitũ pris sui pred manebat In quorum omn et singulor premissor veritat tam pd mirat quã pred deputat Regie Comitiꝭ Cancellar sigilla sua apposuerunt die et anno sup dict.

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Sciant hre Donnat Regine patentes in debita forma subtenor vbr horum Quod Regina &c. Omnibus ad quos &c. Salutem Exiatis quod nos de hera obedientia Donaldi Omaddyn humilr petentis et ad Capitaneatum seu gubernamen patrie de ste Lonyt fert cum Collnamollagh cotter mmcpat Omaddyne Dontrey in Regno nro Hibnie (vnde hinc mat Molaghlyn Ballagh Omadden defunctus nupr fuerat Capitaneus) adq; eiusdem Donaldi promptitudine ad destruendum nobis atq; ad patriam illam et nrorum subditorum in eadem degentium rebs deterter et fidelr gubernandum et tuend pluriumum confidentis, eundem Donaldum (qm nunc sometimes de immedio sive occasione prefati Hugonis de quo antea coram nobis dare fecimus) de vnanimi assensu et consensu Consiliar nr Regni nr Hibnie ad hoc vocat et assumpt, prout ex parte eiusdem Donaldi per Edmundum patrem Rolandum Clonsorten Episcopum ceteros qr fidedignos dioces clicos per hras suas nobis est relatum et intimatum, nos de fidelitate et circumspcone ipsius Donaldi plenius confidentes, ipsum Donaldum predictum (cum assensu et consensu dilecti et fidelis Consiliarii nr Thome Comitis Essexie et Ewe nobilis ordinis nr Garterii militis, presidentis Consilii nr Wallie ac nrorum in remotioribus eiusdem de deputati nri generalis Regni nr Hibnie, nominamus, ordinamus, preficimus, et constituimus p presentes: Habend tenend gaudend et occupand Capitaneatum predict cum omnibus suis pertin proficuis fructibus et ad eundem spectan quamdiu bene gesserit et nr fidelis subditus, ac tenear sumptuerit et sustinuerit hospicia quemadmodum de antiquo debuit et consuevit, eidem Donaldo quã diu se

10. CROWN AND HANAPER.

The RETURN of the CLERK of the CROWN and CLERK of the HANAPER of the Court of Chancery in Ireland, to the QUERIES directed by the Commissioners on the Public Records of Ireland.

(1).—THE Records, &c. in the custody of the Clerk of the Crown and Hanaper of the Court of Chancery in Ireland, are as follows; viz.

Writs of Election of Members to serve in the House of Commons, and Returns thereon, commencing mostly in the reign of Queen Anne, and brought down to the time of the Union between Great Britain and Ireland; since which period they are transmitted to the Crown Office in England. There are Books in the Office containing the names of the several Members returned upon those Writs, arranged under the several Counties alphabetically; and the Writs and Returns being placed in different presses under the heads of the different Provinces and Counties, all the purposes of an Index are by this means answered.

Writs for electing temporal Peers, and Returns thereto, pursuant to the Act of Union, commencing September 1801 and ending October 1809, when the last election took place; there is a Book kept containing the names of the Peers, and an account of their votes, with an Index referring thereto.

Commissions of Lunacy and Idiotcy, and Inquisitions thereon, commencing in the reign of Queen Anne, and brought down to the present time. There is reason to apprehend that these are very imperfect, as the Inquisitions are wanting to some of the Commissions, and there are Inquisitions without Commissions, which it is supposed has been occasioned by the frequent removals of the Records and Papers of this Office before they came to their present situation, and the great neglect that took place in the conduct and management of the Office from 1776 to 1784, during some part of which period and even down to 1789, these Commissions were issued by the Lord Chancellor's Secretary, and several Writs, &c. which properly belonged to this Office, were issued by other Officers of the Court. There is no Index to these Commissions; but they are arranged in the different reigns, and any particular one can be easily found.

Writs of "Ad quod damnum," and Inquisitions thereon, commencing in the reign of Queen Anne, and brought down to the present time; they are in very good condition; but there is no Index to them; nor does it appear to me, after an experience of twenty-three years, that it would be of any great use or advantage to the Public to have one.

Commissions of Inquiry and Inquisitions thereon, commencing in the reign of Charles the second; there are so very few of these, that an Index to them is unnecessary, but it would of course take a very short time to make one.

Writs to elect Coroners and Returns thereon, commencing in the reign of George II.; these are very incomplete, and they are frequently never returned; there never has been an Index to them.

Significavits and Warrants thereon for Writs of Excom̃ Capio, commencing in the reign of James the first; they are in good condition, and arranged in the different reigns; but there is no Index to them, nor can I see that any is necessary.

Apostles and Warrants thereon for Commissions of Delegates, commencing in the reign of George the first; they are in good condition, and arranged in the different reigns; but there is no Index to them, nor is any necessary, as they are never looked after when the Commission of Delegates issues.

Books of Dockets of the Writs issued by the Six Clerks in the several Causes in the Court of Chancery, commencing in the reign of Charles the second, and comprising different periods of time, endorsed upon the back of each Book. There are no chasms in these Books, viz. from 1753 to 1768, and from 1774 to 1788; they are very seldom referred to, as the Six Clerks keep similar Books of their own.

Books of Dockets of fineable Writs issued from the Cursitor's Office, containing accounts of the King's Silver payable thereon, commencing in the reign of Charles the first, and divided into different periods of time, endorsed on the back of each book, and numbered: there is a chasm in these Books, from 1760 to 1788; during which period they were wholly discontinued, but were restored by me on coming into Office; there is no Index to them, nor is there any wanting, as the entries are all dated, and any person wanting to make a Search (which very rarely happens) for the quantum of the King's Silver, can find it directly by knowing, as they always do, the Term in which the Fine was levied, or Recovery suffered.

Books of Entries or Dockets of all Patents, Commissions, Writs, &c. which pass the Great Seal of Ireland through this Office, commencing in the reign of Charles II. There is a chasm in these Books from 1776 to 1784, but they have been since regularly kept. There is no Index to them, but the several articles contained therein are entered according to the date; and during the whole time that the present Deputy has been in Office (23 years) he does not recollect any Searches to be made in, or reference to those Books, and of course, he presumes they are as perfect for every purpose of the public convenience, as it is necessary they should be.

Dedimus's to swear Justices of the Peace with Returns of the execution of them. These are extremely imperfect, as not one out of 20 that issue is ever returned or filed.

Warrants and Fiats for business issued from and transacted in this Office, viz. For Licences of Absence, Proclamations, Writs of "Ad quod damnum," Writs to elect Coroners, Commissioners of Valuation, Pardons

of course, Commissions to examine Witnesses on proceedings before the Lord Deputy and Council, Writs of Ease, Sheriffs' Patents, Commissions of the Peace, Custodes Rotulorum, Writs of Supersedeas, Masters Extraordinary, Commissions of Perambulation, Commissions of Array, Commissions of Assize and Association, Commissions of Inquiry for appointing King's Counsel; to administer Oaths for Writs of Election of Members to serve in Parliament, before and since the Union; for Writs of Summons to Parliament before the Union; for Writs to elect temporal Peers of Parliament since the Union; for Special Commissions of various kinds, &c. &c. &c. These several Warrants are separately tied up and endorsed, in Bundles of different periods of time, and there are references to them so easy and simple, that any particular Warrant may be found (if wanted) in a few minutes.

Rolls of Oaths of Allegiance, &c. commencing in the reign of William and Mary, but not regular from that time; on each Roll is endorsed the period of time it contains; and there are Books in the Office with Indexes which refer to them.

Sundry other Rolls of Oaths, viz. for swearing Roman Catholic Barristers, Assistant Barristers, the Oaths "of Offices hereinafter mentioned, &c."

A Book, containing Causes heard in the Court of Claims in 1665 and 1666; the only one in the Office.

A Survey of Ulster, taken first December 1618, and the 9 March 1619.

Files of Certificates of Qualifications of Persons for Offices. &c. commencing in 1704.

Evidence taken before Commissioners appointed by the House of Commons, since the Union, upon Trials of Controverted Elections, pursuant to the Act of 42 Geo. III.

Consents under hands and seals of Barristers to act as Commissioners, upon the Trial of Controverted Elections, pursuant to said Act of 42 Geo. III.

A Book, containing the votes upon the Election of the 28 Peers, at the time of the Union between Great Britain and Ireland.

Several Books, containing various collections of Precedents, Drafts, Copies, &c. for transacting business of the Office; mostly bound and indexed.

Several Books containing the names of the Justices of the Peace of Ireland at different periods, marked on each, with Indexes thereto.

(2.)—The Office is now, and has been for more than thirty years past, erected in two Rooms upon the ground floor of one of the buildings in the Square at the west side of the Four Courts, immediately under the Record Room of the Rolls Office. It is perfectly secure, and convenient in every respect, for the accommodation of the business; and is Public property.

(3.)—The Records are arranged as mentioned in the Answer to the first Quere, and are kept, in Presses always locked, in the Rooms belonging to the Office; and they are in as good a state of Preservation as can be expected.

(4.)—The Records and Papers in this Office were found in 1784, by Mr. Marshall (predecessor to the present Deputy) as he informed me, all lying in one promiscuous heap in the middle of the Office; and he, with considerable labour and expense, sorted and arranged them all in so very complete a manner, both for Preservation and facility of Reference, that there is no article of any import in the Office to which recourse may not be had in the space of a few minutes; and nothing having been neglected that has from time to time occurred, or suggested itself, for rendering the arrangement and mode of keeping the several matters in this Office more perfect and convenient, it is not conceived that any addition or alteration is at this time necessary or likely to promote more effectually those purposes.

(5.)—The Persons employed in the care and custody of this Office, are, a Deputy, and two Clerks. The former attends daily from eleven till three o'clock; and the Clerks during the same hours, and from six to eight. There is a Salary of 960*l.* per annum paid to the Principal, and 100*l.* per annum to the Deputy, by the Public. The Fees taken for Copies are 1*s.* per Sheet, and 3*s.* 4*d.* for a Search; and the same are so very inconsiderable, that no account has been kept of them; but it is supposed they do not amount to more than 4*l.* a year at the utmost; and it has not occurred more than two or three times, in the last twenty-three years, that any Record has been taken out of the Office for the purpose of producing the same in any other place.

(6.)—There is not any Person specially entrusted with the care of the Records, other than those mentioned in the Answer to the last Question.

(7.)—It does not occur to me that there are any matters not comprised in the foregoing Questions, which it is necessary or expedient to observe upon, for rendering the use of the said Records, &c. more convenient to the Public.

11. CURSITOR'S OFFICE.

The RETURN of the CURSITOR of the Court of Chancery of Ireland, to certain QUERIES contained in an Order of the Commissioners upon the Public Records, &c. of this Kingdom.

(1.)—The Records, or supposed Records, in the Cursitor's Office of the Court of Chancery in Ireland, are Præcipes or Instructions, on plain paper, for the issuing of original Writs, and the Warrants of Attorney, which are filed in the Office upon the issuing of said Writs, as also Præcipes to the Outlawry.

They commence in Michaelmas Term 1714; and from that time to Hilary 1745, there are many chasms, the cause of which the Cursitor does not know.

There are Books kept, wherein Entries of the different Writs issuing out of the Office, and the Attornies' Names issuing such Writs, are entered, commencing in 1656; but from this time to the year 1791, there are many chasms.

(2.)—They are lodged in the Buildings attached to the Four Courts, well secured; and the Building is Public property.

(3.)—The Records, or rather Præcipes, are in a bad state of preservation from 1714 to 1745; but from 1745 to the present time are in a good state of Preservation, and are arranged in good order in point of time, but not alphabetically.

(4.)—There is a regular Book, as mentioned in my Answer to the first Quere, but not alphabeted; nor do I think any other Books would be of any public benefit, being seldom applied to for Searches, as appears in my Answer to the 5th Quere. This Book is considered Public property.

(5.)—There is only one Clerk employed for the custody and arrangement of the Records or Præcipes, and for conducting the clerical part of the Office. Attendance every day (Sundays excepted) from ten to three o'clock, and from six to eight; Salary 20 guineas per year; Fees charged for each Search 4*d.* per Term, where the immediate date is not specified; one shilling is only taken where a reference is made to a particular date. The Certificate of any Writ issuing is charged 3*s.* 4*d.* There have not been more than three or four attendances with any of the foregoing Records or Præcipes these thirteen years back.

The Fees of searching and copying, upon an average of the three last years, do not exceed 10*s.* for each year.

(6.)—There is one Clerk, whose duty it is to attend to the general business of the Office; and none other, save the Cursitor, who attends in person.

(7.)—The Cursitor is not aware of any other matter necessary to observe, for rendering the use of the said Records or Præcipes more convenient to the Public.

Thomas Prendergast.

12. REGISTERS.

The ANSWERS of the DEPUTY REGISTERS of the Court of Chancery, to QUERIES by the Commissioners on Public Records.

12. Registers.

(1.)—Books of Hearings and Motions, from 1621 to 1729*;—Book of Hearings, from 1729 to 1811;—Book of Orders, from 1623 to 1811;—Book of Motions, from 1729 to 1811;—Book of Attachments, from 1739 to 1811;—Book of Pleadings, from 1717 to 1811;—Papers, Decrees, Consents, Petitions, Certificates, Reports, and Bundles of Depositions, in great number. The periods cannot be stated, said Papers having been always placed alphabetically, and not by date.

* One Hearing Book wanting, commencing 29th February 1752, and ending 18th May 1753, lost many years ago, not known how. Senior acting Register has heard it was lost by Lord Lifford, at the House of Lords; lost before present Registers commenced.

(2.)—Said Books and Papers are lodged in Chancery Registry Office, at Four Courts; a strong Building, secure, but much too small; can't say whose property the Building is.

(3.)—Said Papers and Books well preserved, and in the same state as received; and are all arranged, Books according to dates, and Papers alphabetically.

(4.)—There are alphabetical Indexes to all said Books, perfect; and that all the said Papers are in alphabets, regularly placed as received.

(5.)—That the acting Registers and Head Office Clerks all attend the year round regularly, during Office hours, to the keeping the foregoing Books and Papers in the above state. No Salary, Allowance, or Emolument, paid by the Public for such custody; Searches not paid for, except when further back than three years, in which case 2*s.* 8½*d.* charged (never 20*l.* a year at the most) for Certificates and Copies; legal Fees paid according to length; impossible to state Produce of same, separate from general Emolument of Patentee Register.

(6.)—The Registers and Head Clerks are all specially intrusted with the care of said Books and Papers, and thereby all regulated and attended to, and kept as mentioned in Answer to fourth Quere.

(7.)—No matters necessary, as Deputy Registers conceive.

Francis Prendergast.
Charles O'Keeffe.

28th March 1811.

APPENDIX.

Chancery: 13. Masters.

13. MASTERS.

SIR,

We, the undernamed, MASTERS of His Majesty's High Court of Chancery in Ireland, have the honour of returning the following ANSWER to the QUERIES put to us by the Right Honourable the Commissioners on the Public Records in Ireland.

We have no Public Records, &c. in our custody; unless Depositions taken in aid of Accounts, directed to us by the Lord Chancellor (which are only of use to private individuals, Parties in the respective Causes in which such Accounts are directed) may be deemed as such.—We have each of us Chambers on the Inns Quay, wherein we transact the business of our respective Offices, and where the above Depositions are kept.

We have the honour to be, Sir,
Your most obedient and assured humble Servants,

31st December 1810.

Edward Westby.
William Henn.
Steuart King.
Thomas Ellis.

To
The Right Honourable
William Wellesley Pole.

14. ACCOUNTANT GENERAL.

The Patentee, Henry Cope, returns the following ANSWERS to QUERIES comprised in a printed Paper, dated 18th September 1810.

14. Accountant General.

There are no Records kept in this Office; a mere Account with the Bank of Ireland, kept by the Patentee, who is stiled "The Accountant General" of the Court of Chancery.

There are no Deeds lodged in this Office: The Deeds and Original Instruments belonging to the Suitors, are deposited in the Bank of Ireland, and delivered to those entitled to them, when directed to do so by an Order of the Court of Chancery. The Preservation of these Deeds and Papers belongs to the Bank alone; the Accountant General keeps an account of them.

The Office of Accountant General was created by an Act of Parliament in 1784; and this Officer is required to keep a correct account of all Deposits of Suitors' Money in the Bank, also such Drafts as he from time to time draws on the Bank under Orders of the Court; so that the Balance in each Cause, may at all times be perfectly ascertained: for this purpose, a regular set of Books, from the commencement of the Office to the present time, have been kept in this Office with the Bank of Ireland, as to the Balances in each Cause.

When Money is lodged in the Bank, it must be by an Order from the Court of Chancery, which enables the Party to lodge the Money, under a Certificate from the Accountant General.

What benefit may arise to those who are to act as Commissioners, from the preceding Statement, the Accountant General knows not; but information, as required, has not been refused, and the Accountant General has conducted himself under the Act of Parliament, and under three Chancellors, without a complaint against the Office since his appointment.

The Office of Accountant General is held by Patent under the Crown, to which is annexed a Salary of 500*l.* per year, which, after deducting Pells and Poundage, nets yearly 480*l.* 7*s.* 4*d.* There was also an allowance of 100*l.* per year to Robert Dickinson, the only Clerk in the Office when the present Patentee was appointed, which had been granted to him for his life. He died in 1800. On this event, the present Patentee engaged James Harrold and Richard Davis, gentlemen, to be employed for transacting the business in the Office; whose occupations are, to keep the Books regular, so as to enable them to prepare Certificates of the balances in Bank, and to prepare the Drafts on the Bank when money is ordered.

There are no Fees annexed to this Office.

Robert Dickinson aforesaid was the only Clerk in this Office at the time of its creation in 1784; and having obtained from Government the Salary of 100*l.* per year for his life, he became independent of the Patentee, to the great injury of the Office. Dickinson having died in 1800, his Salary (as Clerk) of 100*l.* ceased on the Establishment. The Patentee used every diligence to have it again placed on the Establishment; and Government, in consequence, referred it to Lord Redesdale, the then Chancellor, for his approbation; but after repeated attendances on his Lordship and the then Secretary, the Accountant General being in ill health, was obliged to desist his further applications.—Upon the appointment of the Chancellor Ponsonby, the Accountant General renewed his applications to the new Chancellor, who certified the Arrear due, and recommended that it should be placed on the Establishment, that is 100*l.* per year, which was accordingly done; and in consequence, the Patentee received at the Treasury, March 1807, 167*l.* 12*s.* 9*d.* as arrears due from that Establishment; and was then informed by the Officer of the Treasury, that no more would be paid by them on account of Arrears.—The Patentee then represented those Arrears to the present Lord Chancellor (Manners), who certified their amount, which was paid, in consequence of a transaction which took place in England; and in August 1808, the Patentee received the total of this Arrear of Salary, which continued for seven or eight years.

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The Accountant General, during this investigation, paid his Clerks quarterly out of his own pocket, which was much to his inconvenience; and he was, during this long negotiation, put to infinite trouble, besides the loss of Interest on his advancements, for all which he makes no claim.

That this Office, from its commencement, was supplied with Stationary by Government. In 1805, Alderman King furnished his bill for Stationary supplied to the Office, which amounted to 87 *l.* 11 *s.* 1 *d.* The Privy Council referred the charge to the then Lord Chancellor Redesdale, as was usual, for his approbation; but his Lordship, for several months, not having mentioned the subject to the then Secretary, the Patentee considered it better not to persevere in two applications at the same time to Government, namely, the Salary, and Stationary. He then pursued the object of Salary only, which, after eight years, he at length accomplished.

Alderman King declares he will sue the Office for his bill of 87 *l.* 11 *s.* 1 *d.*; and, since January 1805, has refused to furnish any Stationary; and, since that time, the Patentee has furnished the Accountant General's Office of Chancery with Stationary out of his own pocket; and from the multiplied increase of business, the sum of 30 *l.* per annum (the usual allowance for Stationary) is inadequate to the expenditure in this article, which, from 1805 to the present time, makes 180 *l.* the whole whereof now remains due to the Patentee; who, from severe illness, has hitherto been prevented from laying his claim to the same before Government.

The Office of Accountant General was kept in various lodging houses by the Accountant General, from the time of his appointment in 1792 to December 1808, when he obtained new Offices in the King's-Inns, built by Government. The rent of those hired Offices has been paid by the present Patentee for sixteen years, at the rate of 20 *l.* yearly, making 320 *l.* which sum is also due to him.

In May 1810, the present Lord Chancellor caused his Secretary to inclose to him an Order of the Imperial Parliament, dated 20th March 1810, requiring him to state the nature of his Office, as Accountant General; which he immediately paid obedience to, and forwarded it, as directed by the Lord Chancellor; and therefore he now considers that his Reply to said Order is before the House of Commons for consideration.

The present application of the Commissioners has not been notified by the Chancellor's Secretary, but by Mr. William Shaw Mason's Letter, as Secretary to those, who are stiled Commissioners of Public Records in Ireland.

Henry Cope,
Accountant General of the Court of Chancery.

25th March 1811.

15. CLERK OF THE REPORTS.

THE Clerk of the Report-Office of the Court of Chancery is appointed by the Crown, pursuant to Act of 23d and 24th George III. chap. 22. sec. 4. by which Act the Office was created, and the Duties thereof appointed; namely: After Deposits of the Suitors' money or effects made into the Bank of Ireland, pursuant to the order or decree of the said Court of Chancery, the Receipts thereupon issued by the Bank, with the Certificate of the Accountant General, of the Payments being made according to the import of such Bank Receipts, are filed of record with the Clerk of the Report-Office.

The Salary appointed for the Clerk of the Report-Office is 120 *l.* per annum; less by pells and poundage.

No Fees are received or paid to the Clerk of the Report-Office, for executing the duties, matters and things directed, imposed and prescribed to be done by the Clerk of the Report-Office.

There is no public Office appointed for the Clerk of the Reports.

The duties of the Office are executed by a Clerk.

There is no Receipt or Custody of the public Money belonging to the Office.

John Pollock,
Clerk of the Report-Office Chancery.

24th August 1812.

16. USHER AND REGISTER OF AFFIDAVITS.

The Answer of the Acting Deputy Usher of the High Court of Chancery in Ireland, to the several Queries directed to the Usher of said Court, by the Commissioners on the Public Records in Ireland.

(1.)—There are no Public Records, Rolls, Instruments, Manuscript Books or Papers, in the custody of the Usher; save and except the original Affidavits of the Suitors, and Deeds, &c. mentioned in the Schedule hereunto annexed. p. 90.

The said Affidavits are so numerous, that it would be impossible to distinguish the periods of time to which each relates; there can be no chasms in the series of the said Affidavits, since the Office was in being.

(2.)—The said Affidavits are lodged in a Chamber in the Buildings on the Inns Quay, commonly called the Four Courts; the said Building is Public property.

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16. Usher and Register of Affidavits.

(3.)—The said Affidavits are in a perfect state of Preservation, and are kept, alphabetically arranged, in Presses in said Chamber.

(4.)—There are no Catalogues, Calendars, Schedules, or Repertories; nor is there occasion for any.

(5.)—There is one Deputy and one Clerk employed for the custody and arrangement of said Records; they attend every day from ten o'clock in the Morning, until three in the Afternoon, and from six o'clock till eight in the Evening. They have no Annual Salaries, but are paid by certain Fees, of which the following is a Table, as appointed by Act of Parliament.

For every Affidavit filed, 2*s.* 4*d.* for the first Sheet, and one shilling for every Sheet after:—When Copies of said Affidavits are taken, 1*s.* 6*d.* for the first sheet; and 1*s.* for every one after:—For every Certificate, 3*s.* 4*d.*:—For every Search, 3*s.* 4*d.*:—Attending before a Master, 11*s.* 4½*d.*:—Attending on a Trial, 1*l.* 2*s.* 9*d.*

It is impossible to answer as to the net annual Amount, as the Office is so fluctuating, and no Account has been kept till the last year.

(6.)—The Deputy and Clerk are intrusted with the care of said Affidavits, whose duty it is to attend upon every Search, and take care of every Record, &c. &c. There are no further regulations observed, than what have been already mentioned.

(7.)—The only requisite, to render this Office more convenient, would be an additional Chamber, as the Office is at present very confined and inconvenient, there being no possible spot for the Deputy to sit in, though his personal presence is necessary every day.

Robert French,
Dep. Usher.

A SCHEDULE of all Deeds, Papers, Securities, and other Effects of the Suitors of the Court of Chancery, in the hands of the USHER, and for which he is answerable, not comprised in the First Schedule, delivered in the month of June 1784, into the National Bank.

A.	Abercorn, Lord; *against* M^c^Ghee - - - -	- - - -	Two Leases deposited; time when does not appear.
	Archbishop of Armagh a' French.	14 May 1766.	Three Deeds, deposited by the Defendant.
	Aldborough, Lord a' Stratford Scott & others.	3d May 1782.	Defendant Scott deposited, pursuant to order, a Warrant to acknowledge satisfaction.
	Annesley to Paul - - -	- - - -	Several Deeds, deposited, but not known in what Cause, or when, or by whom.
	Attorney General a' Jackson -	3 January 1771.	A Deed of Lease, deposited by Defendant.
	Arthur a' Butler - - -	- - -	Deeds deposited in this Cause, but when or by whom does not appear.
	Anderson a' French - -	25 April 1756.	Papers deposited by Defendant.
	Annesley a' Taylor - -	9 June 1760.	Five Deeds, deposited by Defendant.
	Aylmer a' Aylmer - -	- - -	Several Papers, but when or by whom deposited does not appear.
	Annaly, Lord, a' Assignees of Underwood.	14 March 1783.	Defendants deposited several Books, Papers and Deeds.
	Aldworth a' Norcott - -	26 May 1718.	Several Deeds and Papers deposited by the Defendant.
B.	Barnewall a' Cassan - -	23 December 1777.	A Deed of Lease, deposited by Defendant.
	Blake a' French *and* the contrary	11 May 1765.	Xaverius Blake deposited a Deed of Settlement.
	Bradshaw a' Colson - -	18 February 1754.	A parcel of Papers, deposited by the Defendant.
	Bigger a' Hamilton - -	7 March 1766.	Twenty-eight Deeds, deposited by the Defendant, as per Certificate therewith.
	Bagnell a' Bagnell - -	18 May 1738.	Several Deeds, deposited by Mr. Geering.
	Bell a' Kerr - - - -	14 November 1771.	A Deed, deposited by Defendant, as per Certificate of Usher.

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B. *(continued.)*	Blacker a' Hamlin - - -	18 November 1778.	A Deed of Settlement, deposited by Defendant, as per Certificate.
	Barnewall a' Barnewall - -	19 December 1748.	Several Deeds and Papers, deposited by Defendant.
	Bryan a' Mandeville - -	10 June 1784.	A Deed, deposited by the Defendant Mandeville.
	Byrne a' Scott - - -	26 January 1757.	A Lease, eaten by mice, deposited by Defendant Scott.
	Bellew a' Beresford - -	17 July 1738.	Five Deeds, deposited by Defendant in this Cause.
	Blunt a' Bunbury - - -	27 November 1749.	A Will, deposited by Defendant.
	Butler a' White - - -	27 April 1710.	A Deed of Settlement, deposited by Cadwallader Edwards.
	Burrowes a' Carson - -	3 July 1751.	A Deed and Bond, deposited by Defendant.
	Barton a' Shaw - - -	15 June 1738.	Two Deeds, deposited by Defendant Shaw, as per Certificate.
	Rob[t] Bowyer a' Henry Bowyer -	24 March 1780.	Four Leases, an Article and Receipt, deposited by Defendant in this Cause.
	Benn a' Ever - - -	17 May 1770.	Two Deeds, deposited by Defendant.
	Broe a' Caffry - - -	21 November 1780.	Patrick Daly's Note, payable to Plaintiff, for 64 *l.* 14 *s.* 9 *d.* deposited by Defendant.
	Bowyer a' Grierson - -	6 November 1785.	Two Bonds and two Deeds, deposited by Defendant Grierson.
	Blyke a' Johnston - -	30 November 1749.	Deeds, deposited by Plaintiff.
	Barbe a' Leffanau - - -	25 April 1750.	A paper Writing, deposited by Defendant.
	Barrymore a' Meade - -	- - - - -	Two Deeds, deposited by Defendant, but when does not appear.
	Broughton a' Goodman -	6 August 1772.	A Lease and three Receipts or Papers, deposited by Defendant.
	Bond a' Walker - - -	1 February 1745.	A Will, deposited by Defendant in this Cause.
	Brewer a' Byrne - - -	9 March 1752.	A Deed, deposited by Defendant.
	Bolger a' Bolger - -	29 July 1734.	Marriage Articles, deposited by Defendant.
	Beddo a' Lamb - - -	- - - - -	Deeds deposited, but when or by whom does not appear.
	Biddulph a' Cooper - -	24 November 1775.	A Release, deposited by Plaintiff, as per Certificate.
	Bowyer a' Bowyer - -	28 June 1783.	Plaintiff, per Mr. Robert Allison his Agent, deposited Copies of several Pleadings, Papers, and Writings.
	Butler a' Flood - - -	4 March 1765.	A Bond and Warrant, deposited by Defendant.
No. 14.	Barnewall a' Barnewall & Shee	20 July 1775.	Defendant Shee deposited several Papers and Deeds, in a small deal box, marked No. 14, as per margin.
	Barnewall a' Lord Kingsland -	4 July 1700.	A Deed of Settlement, deposited by Mr. Ludlow.
	Bulkeley a' Cusack - -	24 January 1717.	A Paper Writing, deposited by Mr. Carroll.
	Browne a' Mervyn - -	2 December 1752.	Two Leases, deposited by the Defendant, as per Certificate.
	Barry a' Barrymore - -	- - - - -	Several Deeds, deposited by the Defendant, but when does not appear.
	Benson a' Porter - - -	15 February 1689.	Mr. Meagher's Clerk deposited some Papers.
C.	Cheevers a' Fitz Gerald & others	- - - - -	Two Deeds, deposited in this Cause by the Defendant M. Chamberlain, as per Certificate.
	Cosby a' Murray - - -	21 December 1737.	Four Deeds, deposited by Defendant.
	Costello a' Hogan & others -	26 July 1739	Several Deeds, Papers, and Writings, deposited by Defendant Mary O'Brien, as per Certificate.

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C. (*continued.*)	Crofts a' Browne - - -	19 November 1739.	A Deed and a Bond, deposited by Defendant, as per Certificate.
	Craven a' Page - - -	3 September 1774.	Defendant Page deposited nine Books of Account.
	Conrahy a' Rolleston - -	4 August 1772.	Two blank Ingrossments of a pair of Leases, deposited by Defendant.
	Creagh a' Morony - -	9 July 1730.	A Letter deposited by Defendant.
	Coffee a' Reading & others -	10 February 1762.	Four Notes, deposited by Defendant.
	Carr a' Poole - - -	- - - -	Some Writings, deposited by Defendant, but when does not appear.
	Cavan Earl of, a' Lambart -	23 August 1692.	Several Deeds and Papers were deposited, but by whom is unknown.
	Cooke a' Boardman & others -	5 May 1702.	A Lease, deposited by Defendant.
	Craddock a' Maule - -	20 June 1717.	Two Letters, deposited by Mr. Acton.
	Chambers a' Piddock - -	30 January 1706.	A Lease, deposited by Defendant.
	Clignet a' Blunt - - -	- - - -	Defendant deposited a Lease, but when does not appear.
	Carter a' Eustace - - -	4 December 1707.	A Deed, deposited by Defendant.
	Clarke a' McInockeny - -	3 February 1749.	Deeds, deposited by Defendant, as per Certificate.
	Crofton a' St. George - -	8 July 1758.	A Will, deposited by Defendant.
	Clinch a' McNally - -	17 June 1777.	The Sheriff of the County of Meath deposited David Harbourne's Draft on Patrick McLoughlin.
	Costigan a' Rorke & others -	9 April 1752.	A Bond deposited by Defendant.
	Cahill a' McDonnell - -	25 May 1753.	A Bond, deposited by Plaintiff.
	Coote a' Bond - - -	15 February 1736.	A Paper, deposited by Plaintiff.
	Crowne a' Mooney & others -	18 April 1732.	Two Bonds, deposited by Defendant.
	Court a' Faucet - - -	17 April 1749.	A Letter of Attorney, deposited by Plaintiff.
	Clarke a' Higginson - -	16 December 1771.	Nine Leases, deposited by Defendant.
	Cooke a' Groves & others -	5 November 1730.	Several Deeds and Papers, deposited by one of the Defendants.
	Cooper a' Plunkett - -	8 July 1731.	Three Papers, deposited by Mary Parnell.
	Connolly a' Marriott & others	26 June 1733.	A Minute for a Lease, deposited by Defendant Marriott.
	Coppinger a' Burrowes - -	29 May 1739.	A Deed, deposited by Defendant.
	Campbell a' Mellinsh - -	24 December 1743.	A parcel of Papers, deposited by Defendant.
	Cooke a' Poe - - -	27 January 1745.	A Deed, deposited by Defendant.
	Costello a' Dillon - - -	13 May 1779.	A Bond and Warrant, deposited by Defendant.
	Carlton a' Kingsland -	16 November 1752.	Four Deeds, deposited by Thomas Shanly; but three appear.
	Curry a' O'Brien - - -	18 November 1779.	A Bond of John Earl of Grandison, deposited by Defendant.
	Croker a' Lady Morres - -	3 May 1782.	A Will, deposited by Defendant.
	Charlemont, Earl of, a' McGeough.	6 January 1777.	Two Leases, deposited by Defendant.
	Carty & wife a' Henderson -	15 March 1728.	A Lease of Lives, deposited by Defendant, as per Certificate.
	Clarke a' Daly - - -	2 August 1765.	A parcel of Bonds, deposited by Defendant, as per Certificate.—See Order, 13th March 1793.

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C *(continued.)*	Cunningham a' Eccles & others	24 June 1754.	A Parchment Writing, deposited by Defendant Barlow, as per Certificate.
	Collier a' Greenwall - -	17 May 1700.	A Deed, deposited by Defendant.
	Cole a' Ivers - - -	31 May 1706.	Three Paper Writings, deposited by Mr. Towers.
D.	Delamar & others a' Lacy & others.	3 May 1744.	Four Deeds, and five Books, containing Accounts and other Writings, deposited by Defendant, as per Certificate.
	Dance a' Dance - -	6 May 1752.	Several Deeds, deposited by Defendant, as per List.
	Duffe a' Duffe - - -	11 December 1776.	Several Securities for Money, deposited by Defendant; which appear to have been since given out, pursuant to order, save two Bonds.
	Donovan a' Warren - -	31 March 1727.	Several Deeds, deposited by Defendant.
	Day a' Forth - - -	24 February 1749.	Deeds, deposited by Defendant.
	Donovan a' Donovan - -	31 July 1718.	Two Deeds, deposited by Lord Middleton.
	Doyle a' Hewetson - -	15 July 1756.	A Lease, deposited, but by whom does not appear.
	Dunbar a' Kennedy - -	12 January 1762.	Three Bonds, deposited by Defendant, as per Certificate.
	Day a' Lennon - - -	22 July 1751.	A Lease, deposited by Defendant.
	Daly a' Spencer & others -	1 December 1746.	A Bond, deposited by Defendant.
	Dillon & Missett a' Bonham & others.	23 September 1754.	A Bond, deposited by Defendant.
	Delgarnoe a' Averell & others	6 April 1747.	A parcel of Papers, deposited by Defendant Tench.
	Drogheda, Earl of, a' Campbell	12 February 1704.	Two Papers inclosed in a Wrapper, deposited by Defendant Campbell.
	Daly a' Jones & others - -	18 December 1747.	A Bond, deposited by Defendant.
	Dillon a' Langan - - -	29 May 1708.	Eighteen Acquittances, deposited by Defendant.
	Dobson a' Mangan - -	4th May 1734.	Articles of Agreement, deposited by Defendant.
	Delacourt a' Sullivan - -	17 July 1757.	A Paper, deposited by Defendant.
	Doherty a' Green - -	20 February 1761.	An Article, deposited, but by whom does not appear.
	Dillon a' Slingsby - -	19 July 1708.	A Deed, deposited by Defendant.
	Dalton a' Bannon - -	13 June 1780.	A Lease, deposited by Plaintiff.
	Dillon a' Ousley - - -	2 November 1758.	Certain Papers, deposited by Defendant, as per Certificate.
	Dermott a' Fitzgerald - -	26 February 1729.	Defendant deposited the Will of Andrew Dermott.
	Daly a' Crofton - - -	2 August 1754.	A Deed, deposited by Defendant.
	Dinning a' Pringle - -	28 July 1759.	Two Deeds deposited, but by whom does not appear.
	Dopping & others a' Dillon -	17 September 1713.	Twenty-one Vouchers, deposited by Thomas Tilson.
	Derby, Earl of, a' Brabazon -	23 May 1777.	A Lease, deposited by Defendant.
	Dillon a' Lord Hillsboro' -	2 May 1781.	A Paper Writing, importing to be the Will of Charles Dunbar, Esq. deposited by the Right honourable Theophilus Jones.
	Devoy a' Phelan - - -	3 February 1741.	A Bond, deposited by Defendant.
	Doneraile a' Doneraile -	18 May 1739.	A Deed of Settlement, and Articles of Intermarriage, deposited by Defendant Lady Doneraile, as per Certificate.
	Dawson a' Leonard - -	2 December 1761.	A Deed, and a Bond, and Warrant, deposited by Defendant.

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D. *(continued.)*	Deane a' Kelly	19 May 1778.	Marriage Articles, deposited by Defendant.
	Dickinson a' Lee Carr	12 May 1769.	A Lease, deposited by Defendant.
	Daly a' Moss	9 May 1700.	A Paper, purporting to be an Agreement, deposited by Defendant.
	Drogheda, Earl of, a' Roberts	- - -	A Lease from Queen Elizabeth, and an Indenture, deposited in this cause, but when, or by whom, is not known.
	Doe a' Gilman	9 December 1734.	Several Deeds, deposited by Defendant.
	Doran a' Preston	26 January 1701.	Defendant deposited some Writings, and on 3d February 1701, Defendant deposited a counter-part of a Deed.
	Dodd a' Linegar	2 March 1725.	Two Papers, sealed up, were deposited by Defendant.
	Doyle a' Vote	- - -	Papers deposited, but by whom, or when, does not appear.
	Dean a' Lord Kingston	29 November 1683.	A Deed, deposited by Defendant.
	Donnelly a' Donnelly	16 May 1728.	Some Papers, deposited by Defendant, as per Certificate.
	Donnelly a' Lord Gower	10 November 1725.	A Promissory Note, deposited by Defendant.
	Davis a' Lord Charlemont	6 August 1711.	Indented Articles, deposited by the Defendant.
E.	Eames a' McManus	25 September 1750.	A Deed, deposited by Defendant.
	Eustace a Minor a' Eustace & others.	8 May 1749.	Defendant Bolton deposited two Deeds, and on 12th June 1749, Defendant Longfield deposited a Deed of Settlement, as per Certificate.
	English a' Wynne	19 January 1762.	Several Deeds, deposited by Defendant.
	Essex Bridge Commissioners	27 November 1761.	A Security for £.466. deposited in this Cause.
	Exham a' Dawson and others	5 October 1765.	A Memorandum, deposited by Defendant Kelly.
	Eccles a' Cunningham	1 July 1754.	A Minute of a Lease, deposited by Defendant.
	Eustace a' McDonnell	19 July 1713.	A parcel of Papers, deposited by Defendant.
No. 15.	Eustace a' Eustace & Longfield	6 February 1765.	A Hair-skin covered Trunk, marked No. 4. containing several Papers, deposited by Defendant Longfield, marked No. 15. as per margin.
	Ernault a' Bell	7 November 1709.	Defendant deposited several Papers.
	Echlin a' Flood	27 April 1752.	Defendant deposited a Paper Writing, importing to be Articles of Agreement.
	Echlin a' Rochfort & Wife	20 February 1705.	Deeds of Lease and Release, deposited by Defendant, as per Certificate.
	Edwards a' Creighton & others	1 December 1702.	Three Deeds, deposited by Defendant Robert Sandes.
	Eyre a' Tully	7 July 1704.	A Deed Poll and Bond, deposited by Defendant.
	Evans a' Taswell	1 November 1697.	Two Deeds, deposited by Defendant.
F.	French a' Gore	9 August 1751.	Two Deeds, deposited by Defendant.
	Fitzgerald a' Fitzgerald	1 March 1748.	Deeds and Papers, deposited by John Brown, as per Certificate.
	Fitzgerald a' Darcy	23 January 1773.	A Deed of Settlement, deposited by Defendant.
	Fitzgerald a' Irwin	23 June 1739.	A Deed, deposited by Defendant.
	Fox a Minor, a' Newcomen	17 February 1747.	Defendant deposited several Deeds, as per Certificate.
	Fairbrother a' Fairbrother	25 April 1769.	A Deed, deposited by Defendant; and on 12th May 1770, Defendant deposited another Deed, as per Certificate.
	Fox a' Fox	19 November 1748.	Two Deeds, deposited by Defendant.

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F. *(continued.)*	Fox a' Lord Lanesboro' -	14 April 1732.	Several Deeds and Papers, deposited by Defendant.
	Fitzgerald a' Heney - -	8 February 1672.	A Letter, endorsed, Cheevers to Fitzgerald.
	Funosee a' Kennedy - -	23 June 1775.	A Lease, deposited by Defendant.
	Freeman a' Fetherston - -	2 May 1738.	A Declaration of Trust, deposited by Defendant.
	Forbes a' Roche, Netterville, & others.	18 February 1771.	Several Accounts and Memorandum Books, deposited by Defendant Netterville.
	Flaherty a' French - -	29 June 1759.	Four Papers, deposited by the Defendant.
	Fuller a' Radcliffe & M'Carthy	18 November 1777.	Two Articles, deposited by Defendant M'Carthy.
	Foster a' Gorman & Adams -	13 December 1769.	A Letter, deposited by Defendant Adams.
	Fetherston a' Clibborn & others.	3 May 1740.	A Defeazance, deposited by Defendant Mullock.
	Flaherty a' Martin - -	27 November 1719.	Deeds, deposited, but by whom does not appear, as per Certificate.
	Fitzgerald a' Burke - -	Hilary Term 1714.	Some Papers, deposited by Defendant.
	Foord a' Stritch - - -	6 May 1719.	A Bill of Exchange, deposited by Plaintiff.
G.	Green a' Trotter - - -	13 February 1739.	Several Deeds and Papers, deposited by Defendant.
	Geoghegan a' Geoghegan -	23 December 1771.	A Copy of Marriage Articles, deposited by Defendant; and on 14 March 1777, he deposited the Original.
	Goodall a' Goodall - -	7 February 1782.	A Deed, deposited by Defendant.
	Gaskill & Wife a' Scriven & others.	22 July 1783.	A Deed of Settlement, deposited by Defendant Scriven.
	Gore a' Harris - - -	27 May 1778.	Several Deeds and Papers, deposited by Defendant as per Certificate.
	Gorges a' Myhill - -	27 June 1739.	Four Deeds, deposited by Defendant.
	Glascock a' Aylmer & others -	27 January 1741.	Two Deeds, deposited by Defendant.
	Gillespie a' Poyton - -	17 November 1753.	A Parcel of Papers, deposited by Defendant, as per list.
	Galbraith a' Blakeney & others	10 December 1757.	A Paper, deposited by Defendant Perse.
	Grierson a' Bowyer - -	26 February 1780.	Four Receipts, deposited by Defendant.
	Geoghegan a' Isdall - -	23 February 1749.	A Deed, deposited by Defendant.
	Gorman a' Sharman - -	7 June 1776.	A Letter, deposited by Defendant.
	Gillman a' Harper - -	25 June 1753.	Defendant deposited a Deed.
	Giles a' Dillon - - -	17 April 1766.	A Bond, deposited by Defendant.
	Gray a' Clarke - - -	7 July 1755.	A Letter, deposited by Defendant.
	Granard, Lord, a' Assignees of Underwood.	3 November 1781.	One hundred and thirty-five Deeds and Papers, deposited by Defendants.
	Goodacre a' Reilly - -	- - - -	Two Deeds, deposited by Defendant, but when does not appear
	Gore a' Dillon - - -	15 June 1695.	Two Papers, deposited by Defendant.
	Graham a' Sankey - -	- - - -	Deeds, deposited by Defendant, but when does not appear.
	Graham a' West - - -	20 June 1700.	Two Papers, deposited by Defendant.

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H.	The Trustees and Guardians of Wilson's Hospital a' Geo. Boleyn Whitney.	1 December 1769.	Several Deeds and Papers, deposited by Defendant, as per Certificate.
	Hughes a' White - -	11 December 1775.	A Deed, deposited by Defendant, as per Certificate.
	Hardy a' Odlum - - -	2 June 1781.	The Will of George Rotheram, deposited by Defendant.
	Haddock a' Granger - -	- - - -	A Letter of Attorney, deposited in this Cause, but when or by whom, does not appear.
	Hackett and Buckworth -	- - - -	Some old Papers; but it does not appear in what Cause, or when, or by whom deposited.
	Hovendon a' Weston - -	8 March 1704.	Several Writings, deposited by Defendant, as per Certificate.
	Hillsboro', Lord, a' Lord Antrim & others.	16 October 1780.	A Deed of Settlement, deposited by Lady Antrim.
	Hudson a' M'Clintock - -	4 January 1757.	Three Deeds, deposited by Defendant.
	Holland a' Holland - -	3 January 1780.	A Will and Codicil, deposited by Mr. Patrickson.
	Hinde a' Greene - - -	- - - -	Deed of Annuity deposited, but by whom, or when, does not appear.
	Hurly a' Fitzgerald - -	10 November 1774.	Articles of Intermarriage, deposited by Defendant.
	Harvey a' Lenaghan - -	1 November 1742.	A Paper, deposited by Defendant.
	Hewson a' Lord Carbery -	7 June 1763.	A Blank Lease and two Letters, deposited by the Defendant.
	Hughes a' Hughes - -	16 December 1757.	A Bond, deposited by Defendant.
	Harrington a' Piggott - -	- - - -	A Schedule deposited, but when or by whom, does not appear.
	Houlton a' Mitchell - -	15 May 1770.	An Article, deposited by Defendant.
	Hickson a' Jones - - -	21 June 1758.	A Bill of Exchange, deposited by Defendant.
	Hodgin a' Daly - - -	15 December 1756.	A Lease, deposited by Defendant.
	Hugan a' Woods - -	28 November 1752.	Several Deeds, deposited by Defendant.
	Hamilton a' Barclay - -	6 February 1766.	Defendant deposited a Deed and Schedule.
	Hussey a' Kelly - - -	- - - -	A Lease deposited in this Cause, but when, or by whom, does not appear.
	Hamilton a' Lord Blancy & Knox.	31 January 1746.	A Deed, deposited by Defendant Knox.
	Humphreys a' Hamerton -	9 December 1734.	A Deed, deposited by Defendant Francis Enraght.
J.	Jackson a' Palmer - -	21 May 1760.	A Conveyance, deposited by Defendant.
	Jackson a' Jackson - -	7 July 1747.	A Deed, deposited by Dorcas Jackson.
	Irnham, Lord, a' Luttrell -	16 December 1774.	Defendant deposited two Deeds, one of which is in part burned; and 27 February 1777 W. Sweetman deposited a Lease.
	Jackson a' Jackson - -	19 July 1760.	The original Will of George Jackson, deposited by Defendant.
	Jenny a' Stevenson - -	21 March 1757.	A Letter and other Papers, deposited by the Defendant.
K.	Kelly a' Archdekin - -	14 May 1742.	Several Deeds and Papers, deposited, in a green serge Bag, by Defendant.
	Kilburne a' Dunlap - -	5 July 1749.	A Bill of Exchange, deposited by Defendant.
	Kennedy a' Kennedy - -	4 February 1758.	Marriage Articles, deposited by Defendant.

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K *(continued.)*	Kenny a' Kenny - - -	10 September 1750.	A Deed, deposited by Defendant.
	Kelly a' Lewis - - -	12 July 1757.	A Deed, deposited by Defendant, as per Certificate.
	King a' Hosketh - - -	1 June 1752.	Deeds and a Bond, deposited by Defendant; vide Endorsement thereon.
	Keating a' Keating - -	11 May 1768.	Marriage Articles, deposited by Defendant.
	Kelly a' Kelly - - -	17 October 1777.	A Bond and Warrant, deposited by Defendant, as per Certificate.
	Keown a' Dowdall - -	23 March 1777.	Six Deeds, deposited by Defendant, as per Certificate.
	King a' King - - -	12 November 1776.	Two Promissory Notes, deposited by Defendant.
	Keating a' Slatteree - -	22 November 1722.	A Deed, cancelled, deposited by Defendant.
	Keating a' Keating - -	5 May 1694.	An Assignment of a Lease.
	Kelly a' Eyre - - -	10 July 1710.	Deeds of Lease and Release, deposited by Defendant.
	Kavanagh a' Slingsby - -	8 May 1769.	An Award, deposited by Plaintiff.
	Kelly a' Pratt - - -	19 November 1730.	An Article of Agreement, deposited by Defendant.
	Kelly a' Kelly - - -	2 May 1759.	A Deed, deposited by Defendant.
L.	Langley a' Baker - - -	18 September 1758.	Defendant deposited several Papers, as per List.
	Lightburne a' Taylor - -	17 May 1728.	Several Deeds and Papers deposited by Plaintiff.
	Little a' Adair & Ravell - -	2 July 1782.	A Deed of Lease and Renewals, deposited by Defendant, Ravell.
	Lynch a' Lynch - - -	25 February 1774.	Defendant deposited 3 Bonds, and on 2 September 1774, Defendant deposited a Promissory Note for 400 *l.*
	Lynott a' Lynott - - -	25 July 1770.	A parcel of Deeds and Papers, deposited by Defendant.
	Loftus a' Jones - - -	18 April 1782.	An Article, deposited by Defendant.
	Leslie & others a' Meredith -	22 June 1753.	The Will of Henry Meredith, deposited by the Defendant.
	Lyster a' Lyster & others -	2 January 1758.	A Will, deposited by Defendant.
	Lindsay a' Singleton - -	12 June 1758.	The Will of Robert Lindsay, deposited by the Defendant.
	Lawlor a' Lyne, & the contrary	2 July 1781.	A Receipt and Agreement, deposited by Defendant.
	Lynn a' Executors of Kavanagh	16 November 1775.	A Receipt, deposited by Plaintiff.
	Longworth a' Simpson - -	- - - -	A Deed, deposited, but when or by whom does not appear.
	Long - - - - -	- - - -	Several Deeds and Papers deposited, relative to "Long," but in what Cause, or when, or by whom, does not appear.
	Lynch a' Martin - - -	- - - -	A Deed of Settlement deposited, but when or by whom does not appear.
	Lenehan a' Harvey - -	4 August 1742.	A parcel of Papers, deposited by Defendant.
M.	Malone a' Bond - - -	27 July 1770.	Thomas Tench, esquire, Deputy Examiner, deposited Dominicals and Depositions.
	Morgan a' Taaffe & others -	5 February 1733.	A parcel of Papers, deposited by Defendant.
	Mulloy a' Cunningham - -	- - - -	Deeds deposited, but when or by whom does not appear; see Order annexed.
	M'Donnell a' M'Donnell -	28 February 1759.	Several Deeds and Papers, deposited by Defendant, as per Certificate.

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M. *(continued.)*	Martin a' Kirwan	11 & 23 December 1751.	Several Papers, deposited by the Defendant.
	Meredith a' Chambre	8 December 1739.	A Deed, deposited by the Defendant.
	Magill a' Baily	9 May 1758.	A Deed, deposited by Defendant.
	M'Naghten a' Richardson	30 April 1746.	A parcel of Papers, deposited by the Defendant.
	Magloin a' Folliott	16 January 1771.	Deeds and Papers, deposited by the Defendant.
	Massy a' Purdon & Hastings	3 July 1758.	Two Papers, deposited by the Defendant.
	Marshall a' Ryan & others	5 December 1757.	A Paper, deposited by the Defendant Anderson.
	M'Neill a' Willoughby & others	- - - -	A Deed of Settlement deposited, but when, or by whom, does not appear.
	Meara a' Mullowney	18 May 1737.	A Marriage Settlement, deposited by Defendant.
	Mathers a' Colles	16 May 1768.	Deeds of Lease and Release, deposited by the Defendant.
	Mears a' Mears	27 June 1734.	Several Deeds and Papers, deposited by the Defendant.
	M'Clure a' Stewart	11 November 1768.	Two paper Accounts, deposited by Defendant.
	Martin a' Tierney	13 December 1750.	A parcel of Papers, deposited by the Defendant, as per Certificate.
	Mercer a' Lattin	17 February 1726.	A parcel of Papers, deposited by Defendant Lattin
	Mayne a' Brooke	5 December 1772.	A Will and a Letter, deposited by Defendant; the Will has been delivered out.
	M'Charles, Lord, a' Graydon	20 August 1754.	A Paper, deposited by the Defendant.
	Mullan a' Courtney	20 December 1744.	Mr. Noy deposited a Bond.
	Merrick a' Merrick	16 June 1732.	Two Deeds of Settlement, deposited by Defendant.
N.	Nicholson a' Twysden	18 December 1766.	One hundred and twenty-one Deeds, deposited by Defendant, in a linen bag.
	North a' Crofton	15 March 1768.	Several Deeds and Papers, deposited by Defendant.
	Newstead a' Hedges	8 February 1720.	A Deed, deposited by the Defendant.
	Norton a' Ward	3d October 1761.	Several Deeds, deposited by Defendant.
	Nugent a' Nugent	6 May 1746.	A Deed, deposited by the Defendant.
	Nightingale a' Halliday	28 January 1767.	Three paper Deeds and Leases, deposited by Defendant.
	Noble a' Spedding	27 June 1765.	Plaintiff deposited several Securities for Money, and 14 December 1765, deposited a Pocket Book and two Leases; the Securities delivered out.
	Nesbitt a' Nesbitt	30 July 1763.	A Deed, deposited by Defendant.
	Ninevin a' Fitz Gerald	- - - -	A Deed deposited, but when, or by whom, does not appear.
O.	Ormsby a' Wynne	14 March 1782.	A Deed, deposited by the Defendant.
	O'Connor a' Dearing & wife	20 January 1729.	Two Deeds, deposited by the Defendant.
	Ormsby a' Ormsby	12 June 1761.	A Paper, deposited by the Defendant.
P.	Ponsonby a' Hobson	25 July 1765.	A Deed and a Will, deposited by Defendant, as per Certificate.

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P. (*continued.*)	Perry a' Warburton - -	17 July 1742.	Deeds of Lease and Release, deposited by the Defendant.
	Poynton a' Mullan - -	22 March 1753.	Papers, deposited by the Defendant.
	Plunkett a' Galbraith - -	27 June 1740.	An Article and Note, deposited by Defendant.
	Power a' Kennedy - -	7 February 1772.	Several Deeds, deposited by Defendant, as per Certificate.
	Powell a' Willcocks - -	6 February 1761.	Several Deeds, deposited by Defendant, as per Certificate.
	Power a' Daly - - -	21 January 1724.	Marriage Articles, deposited by the Defendant.
	Peck a' Peck & Walter -	6 December 1780.	Marriage Articles, and a Bond and Warrant, deposited by Defendant Walter.
	Purdon a' Uniacke & others -	27 July 1778.	A Deed, deposited by Defendant.
	Parsons a' Parsons - -	3 April 1728.	A Deed of Release, deposited by Defendant.
	Plunkett a' Jones - - -	8 May 1732.	Several Papers and Writings, deposited by Defendant.
Q.	Quin a' Lord Howth - -	30 May 1723.	A Deed, deposited by Defendant.
R.	Richardson a' Irwin - -	20 March 1765.	Several Deeds, deposited as per Certificate.
	Ram a' Trotter - - -	15 March 1742.	Several Deeds, deposited as per Certificate.
	Roche a Lunatic - - -	14 June 1750.	Several Deeds, deposited by Edmund Roche, as per Certificate.
	Ryan a' Ryan - - -	26 June 1731.	A Counterpart of a Lease and a Settlement, deposited by Defendant.
	Rose a' Cope Buttle & others -	5 April 1770.	Defendant Buttle deposited nine Letters; and on 13th April 1770, he deposited four Papers.
	Read a' Brook - - -	15 December 1762.	A Deed, deposited by Defendant.
	Rawson a' Burton - -	10 October 1774.	Two Leases, deposited by Defendant.
	Roper a' Lord Dunboyne -	14 December 1731.	Two Deeds, deposited by the Defendant.
	Ross a' Mitchell - - -	5 March 1755.	A parcel of Papers, deposited by Defendant, as per Certificate.
	Rutledge a' Shaw - - -	4 December 1754.	Two Papers, deposited by Defendant.
S.	Staunton a' Bodkin - -	3 January 1771.	Articles of Agreement and a Map, deposited by Defendant.
	Stannus a' Twigg - - -	- - - -	Several Papers deposited in this Cause, but when, or by whom, does not appear.
	Stoney a' Purcell - - -	2 February 1773.	Defendant deposited several Deeds and Leases; and 3d March 1773, Defendant deposited Articles of Agreement, as per Certificate.
	St. Laurence a' Mount Alexander	5 June 1759.	A Will, deposited by Defendant.
	Shee a' How - - -	12 February 1768.	Several Deeds and Papers, deposited by Defendant, as per Certificate.
	Strong a' Bateman & others -	20 December 1780.	Two Deeds, deposited by Defendant.
	Sherigly a' Symes & others -	14 August 1742.	Defendant deposited several Deeds and Papers.
	Stoney a' Humphreys - -	2 December 1765.	A Lease for Lives, deposited by Defendant.
	Stewart a' Stewart - -	27 April 1758.	A Deed, deposited by Defendant.
	Symes a' Symes - - -	26 November 1747.	A Deed, deposited by Defendant.

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S. *(continued.)*	Sandys a' Ryan	- - -	A parcel of Papers deposited, but when, or by whom, does not appear.
	Steel a' Carroll	22 June 1770.	Some paper Writings, deposited by Defendant.
	Shiel a' Shiel	11 June 1733.	A Deed, deposited by Defendant.
	Savage a' Kearney	11 March 1769.	Several Leases, deposited by Defendant.
	St. George a' Duke of Leinster	29 July 1777.	Deeds of Lease and Release, deposited by Defendant, as per Certificate.
	Sturgeon a' Stannus	23 November 1773.	Several Deeds and Leases, deposited by Defendant, as per Certificate.
	Stanford a' Geering	4 July 1729.	Several Deeds and Papers together with a Patent, deposited by Defendant.
	Shank a' M'Mahon	2 July 1760.	An Article, deposited by Defendant.
	Sherlock a' Ivie	5 August 1771.	Defendant deposited a Letter, and on 11 May 1773 he deposited three Letters.
	Smith a' Smith	7 June 1725.	A Bond, deposited by Defendant.
	Savage a' Bland	27 October 1735.	A Declaration of Trust, deposited by the Defendant.
	Sharman a' Blackwood	13 August 1751.	Several Papers, deposited by Mr. Donesdon.
T.	Toole a' Dillon	27 December 1774.	Several Books and Papers, deposited by Defendant, as per list.
	Tandy a' Edgeworth	23 April 1777.	James Taylor, Gentleman, deposited several Deeds and Leases. A Deed of Settlement deposited, but when, or by whom, does not appear.
Tied in one bundle.	Thorpe a' Domville & others	26 March 1782.	Defendant deposited a Deed of Mortgage.
	Thorpe a' Waller & others	28 February 1782.	Defendants Waller and Lord Roden deposited Deeds and Accounts.
	Telford a' Kingston	22 February 1774.	An Article in Writing, deposited by Defendant.
	Thorpe a' Sparrow	13 June 1774.	Defendant deposited an Article.
	Tandy a' Williams	12 February 1722.	A parcel of Papers, deposited by Defendant.
V.	Vickers a' Stritch	14 November 1765.	A Lease, deposited by Defendant Roche.
W.	Whittingham a' Gibbons	18 March 1737.	An Instrument in Writing, deposited by Defendant.
	White a' O'Malley	17 October 1752.	Defendant deposited a Bond and Warrant.
	Wilson a' Wilson	10 August 1781.	An Instrument, importing to be a Lease, deposited by Defendant.
	Windis a' Blake	31 July 1770.	Several Deeds, deposited by Defendant.
	Ways, Minors, a' Robert Way	26 June 1728.	Several Deeds, deposited as per Certificate.
	Weldon a' Mahon	21 April 1773.	Several Bonds and Securities, deposited by Defendant.
	Walsh a' Lahiffe	13 June. 1734.	A Lease, deposited by Defendant.
	Warren a' Higginbotham	4 February 1779.	A Deed of Settlement, deposited by Defendant.
	Watts a' Campbell, Francis Morgan, & others.	23 February 1740.	Defendant Morgan deposited a Deed.
	Wooley a' Stone	- - -	Several Deeds deposited in this Cause, but when, or by whom, does not appear; and the Defendant deposited the Will of Abraham Yarner, but when does not appear.

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W. *(continued.)*	Ward a' Dunn, & the contrary.	15 December 1756.	Defendant Dunn deposited a Promissory Note; and on 3 February 1757, Plaintiff deposited a Promissory Note.
	Webb a' Ford - - -	- - -	Dominicals of Depositions, deposited, but when, or by whom, does not appear.
	Warner a' Coleman - -	7 August 1769.	Three paper Writings, deposited by the Defendant.
	Weeks a' Bindon - - -	- - - -	Several Letters, deposited, but when, or by whom, does not appear.
	Walton a' Gooding & M^c^Donnell.	22 November 1739.	Defendant, M^c^Donnell, deposited an Award.
	Windis a' Hogan - - -	21 May 1768.	A Letter of Attorney, deposited by Defendant.
	Warner a' Reilly - - -	27 July 1771.	Four Papers, deposited by Mr. Samuel Burrowes.
	Wyer a' Lowe - - -	3 May 1759.	A Paper, deposited by Defendant.
N° 16.	Wilcocks a' Dawson - -	- - - -	A small deal Box, containing Leases from Sir Edward Crofton to different people; but when, or by whom, deposited is unknown. Marked, No. 16, as per margin.

N° 1.	A large deal Chest, containing several Deeds and Papers, with a Card thereon, inscribed "Lord Clane-boys;" but in what Cause, or when or by whom deposited, does not appear.
N° 2.	A large hair-skin covered Trunk, containing several Deeds and Papers, on the Lid of which appears, "G.B, 1732;" but in what Cause, or when or by whom deposited, is unknown.
N° 3.	A large hair-skin covered Trunk, with a label thereon, importing it to contain Deeds and Papers relative to the Walshes and Plunketts; but in what Cause, or when or by whom deposited, is unknown.
N° 4.	A deal Box, containing sundry Deeds and Papers in sundry Causes; but when deposited, or by whom, or in what Cause, is unknown.
N° 5.	A large leather-covered Trunk, containing several Deeds and Papers; but in what Cause, or when or by whom deposited, does not appear.
N° 6.	An old ruinous Chest, containing sundry Deeds and Papers; but in what Cause, or when or by whom deposited, is unknown.
N° 7.	An old hair-skin covered Trunk, endorsed "Howard Egan's Papers;" of which no further account can be given.
N° 8.	A small Trunk, covered with leather, with an Endorsement, importing that it contains some Papers, in which the name of Sir William Domville is made use of, and the Lands of Ballymadun; but it does not appear when or by whom, or in what Cause, same was deposited.
N° 9.	A small deal Box, containing old deeds, in which the names of Sir John Broderick and Mr. Tynte are used; but unknown in what Cause, or when or by whom deposited.
N° 10.	A small deal Box, containing old Deeds relative to Lord Chichester, Lord Digby, &c. but unknown when deposited, or in what Cause, or by whom.
N° 11.	A small deal Box, containing some Deeds relative to Hovendon Hunt and Walsh; but in what Cause, or when or by whom deposited, is unknown.
N° 12.	A large hair-skin covered Trunk, containing several Books of Accounts, Deeds, and Papers, marked on the lid "C. W. 1747;" but in what Cause, or when or by whom deposited, does not appear.
N° 13.	A new deal Chest, containing sundry Papers and Writings; but in what Cause or Causes, or when or by whom deposited, does not appear.
N° 14.	See Letter B. Barnewall *against* Barnewall & Shee.
N° 15.	See Letter E. Eustace *against* Eustace & Longfield.
N° 16.	See Letter W. Wilcocks *against* Dawson.

17. EXAMINERS.

The ANSWERS of Thomas Quinan, Esq. CHIEF EXAMINER of His Majesty's High Court of Chancery in Ireland, to the QUESTIONS, proposed to him by the Commissioners on the Public Records.

(1.)—THE Office of Chief Examiner (which Mr. Quinan has now the honour to hold) was created in the Reign of King Henry the Eighth, anno domini 1540. That of Second Examiner (now held by Mr. Digby) was created in the year 1628. The Records consist of Interrogatories, filed for the Examination of Witnesses in Causes in the Court of Chancery; the Depositions taken thereto; personal Interrogatories, and Answers

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thereto; Interrogatories, and Depositions taken thereto by Commission, with the Commissions warranting the same; together with the Record Books. The oldest Record in the Chief Examiner's Office, is in the year 1600; and he has not found any chasms or deficiencies in the series of such Records.

(2.)—The Building, in which the said Records are kept, is a Public Office, in one of the Court-yards or Wings belonging to the Four Courts; and which Office is well adapted for the accommodation of such Records at present, and is perfectly secure, the Floor being fire-plated.

(3.)—The state of Preservation of the ancient Records is tolerably good, notwithstanding the lapse of time; those of the last and present century, are in good order and condition, considering that the Depositions have been taken upon paper. The arrangement of the said Records is chronological, the custom being to select the Interrogatories, and the Depositions taken thereto, and to file them according to the respective terms to which they belong.

(4.)—There are complete and correct general Alphabetical Catalogues of all the Records and Causes brought into the Chief Examiner's Office; such Entries are made on the first Interrogatory being filed, and such Entries have complete Indexes, which have never been found defective.

(5.)—The Chief Examiner has not as yet appointed any Deputy; but discharges, himself, the duties belonging to his Department; and daily attends the examination of Witnesses in the Office in which the said Records are kept; he therefore has the custody, and takes care of the arrangement of such Records. He attends his Office, during the sittings of the Court of Chancery, from about half past Ten o'clock until Four, and, according as he has Witnesses to examine, to Five and sometimes Six in the evening; and in Vacations his attendance is regulated according as his business requires; but he employs a Clerk, who gives the same attendance in Vacation, as during the Sittings of the Court. The Fee, which is demandable for each Search, is 2*s.* 6*d.* for the first year, and Four-pence a Term for every Term to the period to which the Record belongs; but he very seldom has required Fees for such Searches to be paid, they being scarcely ever made, except in Causes where he has been previously remunerated for examining Witnesses, and where Copies of Depositions have been taken out.

(6.)—It is the duty of the Chief Examiner, with the assistance of his Clerk, to attend upon every Search, and to take care that every Record be duly restored to its proper place.

(7.)—The Chief Examiner's Office is situated at the very top of the Building, the ascent to which has been found very inconvenient to the number of old sickly and decrepit Witnesses he from time to time examines; nor is there any Anti-chamber for the reception of Witnesses, or other Persons on business, during the time he is examining, which is always private. The Clerk's Office is entirely too small and incommodious, there being but one Clerk's Office for transacting the business of both the Chief and Second Examiner; and the Clerks being frequently interrupted by the number of Witnesses, and other Persons in attendance on one or other of the Examiners, the Records are liable to be lost or mutilated by their exposure to the number of Strangers, who have recourse to such Office. Besides suitable apartments, it would tend to the Preservation of the Records, and to the dispatch of Business, if the copying Clerk was sworn, and if the Depositions (after they were taken by the Examiners) were ingrossed upon Parchment, as is the custom with Depositions taken by Commission, and, as Mr. Quinan apprehends, is the custom in England.

Tho' Quinan.
1st March 1811.

Chief Examiner's Office,
Four Courts, Dublin.

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SIR,

ABOUT a fortnight ago, I received a Letter from you as Secretary to the Right Honourable the Commissioners of Public Records in Ireland, requesting my ANSWER to a set of QUERIES therewith transmitted.

Permit me to assure you of my zealous co-operation in a Research, stated to be eminently conducive to the interest of the respective Officers, as well as to the community at large; and I shall therefore endeavour to make, in answer to the Queries, a full and open statement of my Office, and such, as I trust, will forward the views of the Right Honourable the Commissioners in that respect.

I consider it necessary to premise, that the duties of the Examiners of the Court of Chancery are, to examine such Witnesses as are produced before them, to Interrogatories previously lodged with them; also to enter and file Depositions taken by Commission in Causes depending in the Court; and also to enter and file personal Interrogatories and the Answers thereto. The powers and authorities of the two Examiners are equal and mutual, and the one is not in any degree inferior or subordinate to the other; either may examine on the part of the Plaintiff or the Defendant, as it may happen; but in the Examination of Witnesses, the same Examiner cannot act for both the parties in a cause, Plaintiff and Defendant. This was the case formerly

formerly as to the Depositions taken in the Country by Commission; and those on the part of the Plaintiffs only were exclusively received into my office, and entered and filed there exclusively. This practice obtained till about the year 1755, when my Predecessors (having by mutual Agreement with their respective Coadjutors divided equally between them, share and share alike, the joint Emoluments of both the Offices) became no longer interested in preserving and keeping up this (as it now turns out to my Office very important) Practice, and since that time the Depositions by Commission have been received promiscuously into, and entered and filed, in either office. The Examiners have no Salary, but receive certain Fees on the business done in their respective Offices; and the copying of the Depositions by Commission is the most lucrative part thereof, and by which chiefly they are recompensed for their time and personal attendance to the important and confidential duty of examining Witnesses; and the proportion of the Depositions by Commission received into each Office since I came into Office (the other Examiner having refused to continue the above Agreement with me) is according to the popularity of each Examiner with the Public, or rather with a particular Profession. How far such a situation is inconsistent and unsuitable to such secret confidential Officers of the Court of Chancery, as the Examiners are; and whether the ancient practice in that respect should not be restored, as more conducive to the interests of the Community, and ultimately to the Examiners, may not perhaps be out of the scope of the Right Honourable the Commissioners of Public Records to consider.

The several sorts of Public Records in my custody, as Keeper of such Records, are Interrogatories ingrossed on parchment previous to being received, and the Examinations of the Witnesses thereto signed by them and the Examiners (not ingrossed when the Examination is before the Examiners.) The Interrogatories and Depositions by Commission, with the Commission annexed (all ingrossed on parchment) together with the Depositions on paper signed by the Witnesses and the Commissioners; personal Interrogatories and the Answers thereto, also ingrossed on parchment. These go back to the year one thousand six hundred and sixty (about the time of the creation and establishment of my Office) and there is no chasm that I know or believe in the series of said Records. But I have to observe, that formerly the Depositions by Commission were received, entered, and filed in this department, immediately and without delay on being returned into the Court of Chancery; latterly they lie in the Office of the Register of the Court, until publication. The Register's Office is not an Office of Record, nor is it a fit place for them, as there is no person in that Office sworn to keep them secret, as the Examiners are before publication. They should, most undoubtedly, on being returned into the Court (that is, on being sworn before and left with the Masters) pass from them direct into this Department, to be entered, filed and recorded, according to the ancient practice in that case, and thereby be kept by the Examiners themselves secret until publication. I have known Depositions to lie in the Register's Office several years.

The said Records are kept in an apartment in the Four Court Buildings; which is public property; and are in as good condition, as to Security, as possible.

The said Records are in a good state of Preservation, and are arranged according to years and law terms.

The said Records are carefully entered in books for that purpose; and the Books of Entries go back to the year one thousand six hundred and sixty (about the time of the creation and establishment of my Office). They are complete and correct to the present time, and each Book has its particular Index at the end thereof.

There is no Clerk employed particularly in the custody and arrangement of the said Records; but my Clerk (whose chief business is the superintending the making out copies of the Depositions) takes care of, and arranges the said Records. There is little or nothing done in the way of Search merely; nevertheless, in the Table of appointed Fees of this Department, there is a Fee of two shillings and sixpence for every Search within twelve months, and four-pence for looking into any Term before; but when it happens that recourse is had to Depositions of an Enrolment, ancient or otherwise, a copy is usually required, and then the Search is not charged.

There is not any person but my Clerk, specially entrusted, to take care of the Records; and he attends on every Search, and takes care to restore the Record to its proper place.

I am glad to have this opportunity, in answer to the seventh Quere, of mentioning some circumstances which have (as long I have been in Office, now about five years) given me (as being somewhat responsible for the safety of the Records of my Office) a considerable degree of uneasiness, and to which I earnestly intreat the attention of the Right Honourable the Commissioners. The Examiners' apartments are in that wing of the Four Court Buildings, which was first erected; and in the distribution of the Apartments but three rooms were allotted to this Department; on the principle (as would seem) then and so long before acted upon, of the community of interest with respect to the Examiners, as already alluded to, that is, one Sitting room for each Examiner, and one room for Clerk's Office common to both. The Sitting rooms are the Record rooms; as Sitting rooms they must be most private, as Record rooms they should be public and open at all times to their Clerks and others.

The inconvenience and impropriety of this, is obvious, and it is unnecessary further to dwell on. Besides the inconvenience now of a room in common, the Clerk's Office is, I think, rather small even for the business of one Office; the consequence is, that my Clerk is obliged to suffer the Records out of the building, and to entrust them, and a quantity of stamped paper to a considerable amount, to the common writing Clerks, who

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ply about the Offices, to make copies at their lodgings, or wherever they please. The accidents to which the Records are liable by this proceeding (and for which there is no other remedy but more commodious apartments) are obvious; and I have known my Clerk, after waiting a day or two beyond the appointed time for the return of a writing Clerk, (with a Record and his Stamps, and after a long Search) at last find him in some public house in the Liberty, drunk in open day, and with the Record in his pocket, torn, greasy, and worn, and the stamps pledged.

I think I could suggest some alteration in the apartments, which would render the use of the Records more convenient to the Public, and better ensure their safety; and shall be at all times ready to make any farther communication on the subject of this Paper, should the Right Honourable the Commissioners require it.

I have the honour to be, Sir, &c.

27th October 1810.

Tho. Geo. Digby,
Chief Examiner Chancery.

To Wm Shaw Mason, Esq.
&c. &c. &c.

19. SIX CLERKS.

19. Six Clerks.

SIR, Office Inns Quay, 25th February 1811.

IN Answer to your Letter, we are to request you will inform the Right honourable the Commissioners on the Public Records *in Ireland, that the Office of Six Clerk in the Court of Chancery of Ireland, is not a* Public Record Office, and not being such, it is scarce necessary for us to add, that it is out of our power to answer any of the QUERIES transmitted.

We beg to remark, that the controul over the Pleadings, and the Emolument arising from their copies, and that of the Records in Chancery, were exclusively claimed by his Honour the Master of the Rolls, and his Predecessors, in whose public Office they are deposited; although the Six Clerks were originally a component part of that Office, and as such were entitled to those advantages which are enjoyed by the Six Clerks in the Chancery of England.

We have the honour to be, Sir, &c.

Alexr Brenan, *Thomas Spurner,*
Edwd Woods, *Mich[l] Mills,*
Jones Stevelly, *Fra[s] Dwyer.*

To Wm Shaw Mason, Esq.

20. CLERK OF FACULTIES.

ANSWERS of Daniel M'Kay, CLERK AND REGISTER OF FACULTIES, to the QUERIES forwarded to him by the Secretary to the Commissioners of Public Records.

20. Clerk of Faculties.

(1.)—TWO Books, commencing 18th July 1753, and continued regularly to the present time.

(2.)—There is no Office or Building for the purpose of keeping said Records. I keep them, however, in an office in the Public Buildings belonging to the Four Courts, to the use of which I have only a right in virtue of another situation.

(3.)—In the best state of Preservation, arranged according to dates.

(4.)—There is a complete and correct General Index to each of said Books.

(5.)—One Clerk, who enters each Faculty in one of said Books, according as it passes the Great Seal; attendance daily (Sundays excepted) from eleven till three o'clock. Said Clerk is paid out of my own pocket. I do not know of (or believe there was) any Search, Certificate or Copy, made in said Office within the last three years.

(6.)—This Quere is answered by the foregoing Reply to number five.

(7.)—I do not know of any.

Dan. M'Kay.
Deputy Clerk and Register of Faculties.

21. CLERK OF RECOGNIZANCES.

ANSWERS of William Edward Porter, CLERK OF THE RECOGNIZANCES of the High Court of Chancery of Ireland, to the QUERIES forwarded to him by the Secretary to the Commissioners of Public Records.

21. Clerk of Recognizances.

(1.)—THERE is but one sort of Record, viz. that of the Recognizances of the Court of Chancery, which commence in 1691, and are regularly arranged in yearly bundles according to their Receipts, down to the present time. The same are enrolled, with the exception of an interval from the 17th March 1802 to 7th November 1812, save such as were vacated within the said period; for the cause of which omission I cannot account, having only been in said Office three months, or thereabouts.

(2.)—In one of the Offices in the public Buildings at the Four Courts, which is as secure as any Office in the same Building, as I believe. The Recognizances are enclosed in Presses with secure Locks.

(3.)—They are in very good preservation, and are in perfect order, arranged, as appears by my Answer to the first Quere.

(4.)—There

(4.)—There are books in which the title of each Recognizance is entered; there are other books in which the names of the Person or Persons entering into such Recognizance, as well Principals as Sureties, are entered in alphabetical order, with the number of each Recognizance marked opposite to each name, referring to the number of each Recognizance on its respective Roll. To complete the deficiency of Enrolment, mentioned in Answer to Quere first, would be proper and of much use; it could not be done by the ordinary diligence of the Persons usually employed in the said Office, but would require two extra Clerks, at least, for a period of three months, to complete the same. There are no Catalogues or Indexes wanting in the Office, the Catalogues and Indexes being complete for every Recognizance there.

(5.)—I have one Clerk who assists me in the custody and arrangement of the aforesaid Records; is paid by me, and attends said Office, each day (Sundays excepted) from eleven till half past three o'clock. The Table of Fees demandable is,—For each Search, four shillings and five pence, and increase according to the number of Abstracts taken down:—For a Certificate, if of a Recognizance, seven shillings and ten pence, and if a Negative Certificate, eleven shillings and four pence halfpenny, and increase in like manner as the common Search, and for a Copy twelve shillings and sixpence.—No charge for attendance therewith. As to the annual amount, I do not know what it might have been, for the reason stated in my Answer to the First Quere.

(6.)—My Clerk attends with me on each Search, who restores every Record to its proper place; and there is no other Regulation.

(7.)—I do not know of any; except that it might hereafter be necessary that either the said Office, or another equally as good, should be exclusively set apart for the Recognizances.

Wm Edward Porter.

22. SECRETARY OF BANKRUPTS.

ANSWERS of Daniel M'Kay, DEPUTY SECRETARY of BANKRUPTS and CLERK of the BANKRUPT OFFICE, to the QUERIES forwarded to him by the Secretary to the Commissioners of Public Records.

(1.)—THE Instruments and Papers in my custody relate to the Commissions of Bankrupt, Certificates, Supersedeases, Affidavits, Petitions, and Orders made in matters of Bankrupt by the Lord High Chancellor of Ireland, from the first enactment of the Bankrupt Laws in Ireland down to this time. There are several Books in which the issuing of such Commissions have been from time to time entered; also the allowances of Certificates and granting of Writs of Supersedeas. Books of issuing Commissions are brought down to 24th March 1807, and were then discontinued. This, I apprehend, arose from my Predecessor's not finding any actual necessity to continue same; particularly as I know that he considered the Books he had hitherto kept as matters of private information, and not a part of his public duty. Since my undertaking the Duties of the Office, viz. in January 1810, I have kept a regular entry of every Commission of Bankrupt, and have also other Documents for that interval; upon turning to which, as well as the original Papers, I can ascertain any matter of inquiry whatsoever.

(2.)—In an Office in the Public Buildings at the Four Courts; in which I have only a use in right of another Office jointly with another Officer of the Court of Chancery, there being no Office appointed for the custody of said Papers and Documents.

(3.)—All said Papers are in the best state of Preservation; and are severally arranged in very good order according to their dates, and alphabetically.

(4.)—The preceding part of this Quere is replied to by my Answer to the first Quere. I cannot see what degree of utility would result from said Indexes or Books being completed; to do so however would probably require the assistance of two additional Clerks, and, in consequence of the regular state of all the original Papers, might be completed by them, with my assistance, in three months.—I believe all Papers belonging to the Office are in my custody.

(5.)—I have one Clerk to assist me in said Office; and we arrange all the Papers regularly.—The Office is open every day from eleven till four o'clock (Sundays excepted;) but the duties of the Office are also performed by me at my own house in Stephen's Green, where, on Sundays as well as week days, and at all hours either of night or day, I attend for the dispatch of any urgent business of said Office, for which purpose I am frequently applied to, particularly as to the striking Dockets and issuing Commissions. The said Clerk is paid by me, and derives no salary, allowance or emolument from the Public. I demand three shillings and four pence for each Search; six shillings and eight pence for each Certificate; and the Copies of the Records of the Office I charge for according to their length. The net annual Amount of the Searches, and Copies and Certificates of Records, on an Average of the last three years, do not amount to one hundred pounds per annum.

(6.)—My Clerk assists me in the care of said Records. We attend on every Search, and restore the Records to their proper places.

(7.)—I do not know of any, save only the want of an Office.

Dan. M'Kay,
Deputy Secretary.

APPENDIX.

Chancery: 23. Clerk of Enrolments in Bankruptcy.

23. CLERK OF ENROLMENTS IN BANKRUPTCY.

To the several QUERIES, sent me as CLERK of the ENROLMENTS in BANKRUPTCY, I beg to submit the following ANSWERS.

(1.)—THE Records in this Office are the several Proceedings in Bankrupt matters; namely, Commissions, Proceedings before the Commissioners, Deeds of Assignment of Bankrupts' personal Estate, and Bankrupts' Certificates, which the Parties interested think proper to enrol, under the direction of certain Acts of Parliament.

(2.)—The Records of this Office have been always kept in the house of the Clerk; which has the usual security of other private Offices.

(3.)—The Rolls commence in 1775, and end in the present year. They are in perfect Preservation, and arranged in chronological order.

(4.)—There is a Calendar to said Rolls, and an Index to said Calendar.

(5.)—There is no Clerk in this Office; the business of which is of very small amount, not netting more, on an Average for the last three years, than ten pounds per annum.

Annexed is a Table of the Fees payable on Enrolments and Searches in this Office.

W. Warburton,
Clerk and Keeper of Enrolments in Bankruptcy.

2 January 1811.

TABLE of FEES:—Enroling General Proceedings, 1*l.* 14*s.* 9*d.* per Skin:—Copies, 1*s.* per Sheet:—Deed of Assignment of personal Estate, when enrolled for Recovery of small Debts, pursuant to Act of Parliament, 1*l.*:—Copy, 10*s.*:—Bankrupt's Certificate, 1*l.* 14*s.* 1½*d.*:—Search for Proceedings, 3*s.* 4*d.*:—Certificate, 3*s.* 4*d.*

24. PURSUIVANT.

ANSWERS of Dan[l] M[c]Kay, PURSUIVANT of the High Court of Chancery, to the several QUERIES, furnished to him by Order of the Commissioners of Public Records.

24. Pursuivant.

THERE are no Records or Books belonging to said Office of Pursuivant (an Attachment being only in force one year, after which it is necessary to have it renewed, in case it should not be executed.) I have all Attachments upon which I have issued Warrants. My Father held said Office at the time of his death, and for twenty-five years before. I have got a number of Attachments (I believe the entire) which had been lodged with my Father for many years previous to his death. I keep same, though I do not know of any use whatsoever in so doing. I keep them in a Public Office, at the Four Courts, Dublin, of which I have a joint use in another capacity. I do not keep any Indexes or Books of any sort, as Pursuivant; and there are no Searches made in said Office; the Orders of the Court, upon which the Attachments respectively issue, being always of Record in the proper Offices.

Dan[l] M[c]Kay,
Pursuivant.

2. KING'S BENCH.

25. CROWN OFFICE.

The RETURN of the CLERK of the CROWN, ATTORNEY and CORONER of the CROWN, in the Court of King's Bench in Ireland, to certain QUERIES directed to be answered by him to the Commissioners on Public Records.

25. Crown Office.

(1.)—THE Public Records, Rolls, Instruments, Manuscript Books and Papers, in my custody, are as follow:—

No. 1. Enrolments of Indictments, Presentments, and other Proceedings, for the following periods; viz.

KINGS.	YEARS OF THEIR REIGN.
King James I. - - -	5, 6, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21.
- - Charles I. - - -	6, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21.
- - Charles II. - -	1, 8, and thence to 36 inclusive.
- - James II. - - -	1, 2, 3, 4.
- - William & Mary -	2, 3, 4, 5, and thence to 13 William inclusive.
Queen Anne - - - -	3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12.

From 12th year of Queen Anne to the present time, there is no continued series of Enrolments of any Proceedings; but there is a great number of separate Rolls, each comprising the Proceedings in a particular Case, made up and enrolled as occasion requires. These Rolls are tied up in bundles, with labels, distinguishing the Reigns and Years to which they respectively belong.

No. 2. All Indictments found by the Grand Juries in the Court of King's Bench, for Crimes and Offences committed in the County of Dublin and County of the City of Dublin, from the year 1698 to the present day.

Since

Since the creation of the Court of Commission of Oyer and Terminer for said City and County in the year 1729, Indictments have seldom been preferred in this Court.

No. 3. All Indictments, Presentments, Convictions and Orders, removed into said Court from inferior Courts or Magistrates, together with the Writs of Certiorari issued to remove the same, from the year 1738 to the present day.

No. 4. All Writs of Mandamus, with the Returns thereto, and the subsequent Pleadings thereon, from the Reign of King William III. to the present day.

No. 5. All Writs of Exigent, with the Returns thereon, from the 13th year of King George II. to the present time.

No. 6. All Writs of Error brought to reverse Judgments on the Criminal Side of the Court, from the 9th of George II. to the present day.

No. 7. All Pannels of Grand Juries returned by the Sheriffs of the County and County of the City of Dublin; together with all Writs of Attachment, Venire facias Juratorem, Habeas Corpus, and all other Writs issued and returned, (except Certiorari, Exigent, Error and Mandamus) from the year 1735 to the present day.

No. 8. All Informations exhibited at the Crown Side of this Court, as well Criminal as in the nature of Quo Warranto, together with the subsequent Pleadings thereon, from the year 1740 to the present day.

No. 9. All Recognizances on Writs of Certiorari, Informations, or Indictments, or other Proceedings requiring Recognizances to prosecute or answer, together with the Recognizances of the Peace taken in Court, or before any of the Judges thereof, or returned into this Court, from the year 1776 inclusive to the present time.

No. 10. All Affidavits filed at the Crown Side of this Court, from the year 1711 inclusive to the present time.

No. 11. Records of Nisi Prius and Posteas, from the 16th year of the Reign of King George II. inclusive to the present time.

No. 12. All Interrogatories filed on Attachments for Contempt, and the Answers thereto, from the year 1702 inclusive to the present time.

No. 13. The Rule Books from the year 1636 to the present time,—containing the Rules of the Court on the Crown Side.

No. 14. There are also the following old Books, containing Entries of Recognizances for the years 1640, 1662, 1663, 1685, 1706, 1711, 1716, and 1724, which are of no kind of use.

No. 15. Returns or Lists of Persons tried by Courts Martial, and ordered to be transported or banished, on account of the Rebellion in 1798; also, Lists or Returns of Persons authorized to exercise Martial Law, returned to this Office in 1799, 1800 and 1803; also, Copies of various Warrants issued by the Secretaries to the Lord Lieutenants of Ireland, against various Persons charged with treasonable practices, from 1798 to 1801. There is also a bundle of Recognizances taken at a Court Martial held in the County of Antrim in the year 1800.

No. 16. The Presentments made by the Grand Juries of the County of the City of Dublin, for raising Money for public Works and other purposes; also the Queries formed on such Presentments; from 1722 inclusive to the present time, together with all Affidavits relating thereto, from the year 1783 to the present time.

No. 17. All Presentments made by the Grand Juries of the County of Dublin, for raising Money for public Works and other purposes; also the Queries formed on such Presentments, and the Affidavits relating to the same; from the year 1740 inclusively to the present day.

No. 18. The Records of the Court of Commission of Oyer and Terminer for the County and County of the City of Dublin (consisting of Indictments, Informations, Recognizances, and Crown Books) from the creation of that Court in the year 1729 to the year 1794, are in presses in this Office, arranged in chronological order, but without any Catalogue or Indexes; save as far as the Crown Books are Indexes to the Indictments, when the Persons accused were in custody or under bail. The Records of that Court, since 1794, are in the custody of the Clerk of the Crown for the Province of Leinster, who, in that year, claimed the Office of Clerk of the Crown in that Court, and obtained the possession thereof, though it had been held till then by the Clerks of the Crown of the King's Bench from the year 1729. There are several Records of Outlawry for High Treason, lodged in an Iron Chest, in the custody of the Deputy Prothonotaries. The late Lord Chief Justice (Lord Kilwarden) made an order (shortly before his death) to have this Chest removed to the custody of the Deputy Clerk of the Crown in the Crown Office.

(2.)—These Records are lodged in two apartments appropriated to the Crown Office of the King's Bench in the New Offices on the Inns Quay, which are public property; the security and accommodation is quite perfect.

(3.)—The old Rolls, Rule Books and Indictments, prior to the year 1700, appeared to have suffered very much from dirt and damp, previously to their removal into their present situation. The Rolls are arranged in chronological order, with labels denoting the reigns to which they relate. The Rule Books are arranged in like manner,

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manner, with labels denoting the years. The old Indictments prior to 1729 are on shelves in a press, without any arrangement; the Records in Nos. 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 11, 12, are on separate Files in chronological order, with labels denoting the periods to which they respectively relate; those in No. 15, are tied in a bundle, with an appropriate endorsement on each paper; and those in No. 16 and 17, are in presses, arranged on shelves in bundles, with labels denoting the years to which they relate.

(4.)—There are no Catalogues, Calendars, Schedules, or Repertories, to any of the Records in this Office (except from the year 1798 as hereafter mentioned) nor any Indexes, save the alphabeting of the Rule Books; these books contain the names of the Parties in all matters in this Office; and the period of time when the Proceedings occurred being thereby ascertained, the Records are readily referred to. Since my appointment as Deputy Clerk of Crown (in the year 1798) I have kept a Book, wherein all Pleadings and Proceedings are entered, which is a sufficient Catalogue of the Records for that period; I have added to it an alphabetical Index, which, with the like Index to the Rule Books, is, in my humble opinion, sufficient for every purpose of public utility. It would be highly satisfactory to have a Catalogue of the material matters that proceeded to judgment, or were finally determined and enrolled; such Catalogue with a proper Index, could be prepared from the period of the first Record in the Office up to the beginning of the present reign, by the Clerks at present employed in the Office, with the assistance of a Person (acquainted with the ancient abbreviations and the Court and other Hands anciently used) in about a year.

(5.)—The only Officer or Clerk particularly employed for the custody and arrangement of the Records in the Crown Office, is the Deputy Clerk of the Crown: his Office is open daily throughout the year (the usual Holydays and Sundays excepted) where he or his Clerks give constant attendance; he has no Salary, Allowance or Emolument, paid by the Public in respect to such custody:—The Fee demandable for each Search is 2*s.* 6*d.* for every term, if above three years (within that period there is seldom any demand made); for the Copy of any Record 10*d.* a Sheet, including 2*d.* a Sheet to the Clerk; and for a Certificate 7*s.* 9*d.*: For attendances with Records there is no specific Fee; the compensation is expected to be according to the time, distance, and trouble: No account is kept of such Fees distinct from the other receipts of the Office, so that no net annual Amount, or triennial average thereof, can be made up.

(6.)—The only Person specially intrusted with the care of the Records, is the Deputy Clerk of the Crown; he attends on every Search, and takes care that every Record is duly restored to its proper place.

(7.)—I am not aware of any matter, not comprised in the Queries put by the Commissioners, and the preceding Answers thereto, that it is necessary or expedient to observe, for the rendering the use of said Records more convenient to the Public.

King's Bench Office,
Inns Quay.

Walter Bourne,
D. Clerk of the Crown.

26. PROTHONOTARY'S OFFICE.

The RETURN of the Prothonotary and Clerk of the Common Pleas, Keeper of the Writs, Rolls, Processes, Certifications, Memorandums or Minutes, Rules, Orders, and other Records, in the Court of King's Bench in Ireland, to certain QUESTIONS directed to be answered by him, by the Commissioners of Public Records in Ireland.

26. Prothonotary's Office.

(1.)—THE Public Records, Rolls, Instruments, Manuscripts, Books and Papers, in my custody, as Keeper of said Records, are as follow:

No. 1. The Books in which all Judgments in Debt and Case are docketed and entered, being 45 vols. in number, which are kept in Alphabetical order, and are regular and complete from Michaelmas Term 1661, to Michaelmas Term 1810, both inclusive.

No. 2. The Rule Books, or Books of Entries in which all Rules and Orders of the Court are entered, being 122 vols. in number, containing the Rules made in each Term, from Hilary Term 1717 to Michaelmas Term 1810, both inclusive.

No. 3. The original Minutes from which the aforesaid Entries were made, viz. from Hilary Term 1785 (when a rough Book was made by order of the Court, prior to which all Rules were at once entered into the Rule Book, and no other Book kept) to Michaelmas Term 1810, both inclusive.

No. 4. The Books in which all Judgments in Ejectment, and Judgments on Scire Facias, are docketed and entered, viz. 4 vols. in number, from Hilary Term 1738 to Hilary Term 1760 inclusive; at which period there were separate and distinct Books kept for each.

No. 5. The Books in which said Judgments are docketed and entered, 2 vols. of each, in all four in number, from Hilary Term 1760 to Easter Term 1808; when said Books ceased to be kept, and Judgments of all descriptions were docketed and entered in the general Judgment Book.

No. 6. The Books in which all appearances to Actions are entered, viz. nine in number, from Hilary Term 1776 to Michaelmas Term 1810, inclusive.

No. 7. The Books in which all Writs and Records signed by the Officer are entered, pursuant to a rule of the Court which bears date the 28th November 1800; viz. 11 in number, from 29th November in said year 1800 to Michaelmas Term 1810 inclusive.

No. 8. The

No. 8. The Books in which all Judgments in Case are entered, pursuant to the directions contained in the Stamp Act of the 48th Geo. III. 1808, being three in number; from 27th June in said year, to Michaelmas Term 1810 inclusive.

It is observable, that all the Books included in the foregoing numbers are perfectly regular and complete; they are all in good order, with an Alphabet annexed to each.

No. 9. The Judgment Rolls; containing all Judgments of the Court, whether in Debt, on the Case, or otherwise. They are arranged in Rolls or Bundles bound up in vellum covers, each Roll containing one Term. They are all indorsed, specifying the Term they respectively contain. The Judgments in Debt commence Hilary Term 1661, and are complete to and for Michaelmas 1810. Those in Case, commence Hilary 1738, and are complete to and for the same period. Each Judgment contains the nature of the Action; and they are all entered and alphabeted in the Judgment Books before referred to. It is observable, we, some years ago, caused the Judgments in Debt and Case to be separated from Hilary Term 1770, from which period they are all complete in separate Rolls. They are in a very perfect state, and all indorsed, as before stated, and kept in presses allotted for the purpose.

No. 10. The Rolls of Attornies admitted in this Court; which are complete from Hilary Term 1691, to and for Michaelmas Term 1810, with a Reference Roll or Alphabetical List containing each name upon these Rolls.

No. 11. The Rolls containing the names of all persons who have taken the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy in Court, from Hilary Term 1691, to and for Michaelmas Term 1810.

No. 12. The Rolls of persons qualifying as Roman Catholics, commencing Michaelmas Term 1809, to and for Michaelmas Term 1810; all former Rolls having been returned, pursuant to the Act of Parliament of the 18th year of His present Majesty's Reign, into the Rolls Office of the Court of Chancery.

No. 13. The several Files of Cognovit Actionem, from Hilary Term 1754, to and for Michaelmas 1810; which are all enrolled and docketed in the Judgment Books. The Cognovits are kept in Files or Parcels containing one Term each.

No. 14. The several Files of Memorials of Assignments of Judgments, from Hilary Term 1738 to Michaelmas 1810 inclusively. These Memorials are all entered upon the Rolls of the respective Judgments to which they belong, and are kept in Files containing one year each.

No. 15. The several Files of Nil Dicits, from 1760 to Michaelmas Term 1810 inclusive: They are enrolled and docketed in the Judgment Books, as before stated, and are kept in Files containing a Term each, which are labelled with the Term and year they contain respectively.

No. 16. The Files of Judicial Writs, from Hilary Term 1760 to Michaelmas Term 1810 inclusive. These Files contain one Term each, and are put up in bundles or parcels containing one year each, and labelled with the year they respectively contain.

No. 17. The Files of Posteas, from Hilary Term 1745 to the same period; which are in Files of one year each, labelled in like manner.

No. 18. The Files of Pleadings upon which Records have been issued, from 1780 to the same period. These Files contain Pleadings of one year or more each, and are labelled, but are not of very great importance, inasmuch as they are included either in the Nil Dicits, which are marked and docketed, or in the Posteas upon which Judgments have not been marked.

No. 19. The Files of Defences to Ejectments, from Hilary 1774 to the same period. They are on Files of one Term each, and are in bundles or parcels, each containing one year, and are indorsed and labelled in like manner.

No. 20. The Files of Affidavits upon which all Motions to the Court are grounded, from Hilary Term 1720, (including Ejectments and Affidavits of Service, to Hilary Term 1752) to the same period. These Files contain one Term each, are kept on Files with pasteboard backs, and are labelled in like manner.

No. 21. The Files of Ejectments and Affidavits of Service, from Hilary Term 1752 to the same period; which are indorsed and labelled in like manner.

No. 22. The Files of Pleas of Confession and Consents for Judgments, from Hilary Term 1780 to the same period; which are in Files containing one year each, and are indorsed and labelled in like manner.

No. 23. The Files of Writs of Error and Special Pleadings, numbered according to dates; made up separately, and indorsed with the Parties' names and date thereon, with a Book containing an alphabetical list thereof.

No. 24. The Files of Writs of Capias ad Respondendum, from Hilary Term 1738 to the same period; made up in Files of one year, and indorsed and labelled in like manner.

No. 25. The Files of Affidavits of Services of Capias ad Respondendum, pursuant to the Act of the 43d of the present King; from Michaelmas 1803, inclusive, to the same period; which Affidavits are made up in Files of one Term each, with backs thereto, and labelled and indorsed in like manner.

No. 26. Warrants, which authorize the Officer to satisfy Judgments; from Hilary Term 1753 to the same period; which are tied up in bundles, containing one Term each, and labelled and indorsed in like manner.

No. 27. The Files of Replevins and Recordaris, from Hilary Term 1745 to the same period; which are made up in Files containing one Term each, and tied up in bundles containing one year each, and indorsed and labelled in like manner.

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No. 28. The Files of Habeas Corpuses and Certioraris, from Hilary Term 1721 to the same period; made up and indorsed in the like manner.

No. 29. The Files of Officers' Reports, from Hilary Term 1805 (when same commenced) to the same period; made up in Files of one year each, with pasteboard backs, indorsed and labelled in like manner.

No. 30. The Files of Insolvents' Petitions, from Hilary Term 1733 to the same period; made up in Files of one Term each, and tied up in bundles containing one year each, and indorsed and labelled in like manner.

No. 31. The Files of Churchwardens' Certificates of Conformity, from Hilary Term 1704 to the same period; made up in Files of one year each, indorsed and labelled in like manner.

No. 32. The Files of Appearances, from Hilary Term 1776 to the same period; made up in Files of one year each, with pasteboard back, and indorsed and labelled in like manner.

No. 33. The Files of Summonses against Peers of the Realm, from Hilary Term 1798, inclusive, to the same period; made up in Files of one year each, indorsed and labelled in like manner.

No. 34. The Files of Bills of Cost and Certificates, from Hilary Term 1738 to the same period; made up in Term-files, and put in bundles containing one year each, and indorsed and labelled in like manner.

No. 35. Warrants of Attorney, filed pursuant to the Stamp Act of the 46th year of the present King's Reign, from 5th July 1806 to the same period; made up in Files of one year each, indorsed and labelled in like manner.

No. 36. Notices *filed pursuant to said Act, from the same to same period*; made up, indorsed, and labelled, in like manner.

It is observable, that some of the ancient Files referred to in the aforesaid numbers, from 13 to 36 inclusive, may (from length of time, and in the removal of the Records from the old Office in Kennedy's Lane) have been mislaid; but these are few in number; and such as are wanting are of ancient date, and little inconvenience can arise from their being mislaid.

No. 37. An iron Chest, containing several Records of Outlawry for High Treason; the key of which remains with the Chief Justice. This Chest was, by Order of the House of Lords, taken out of the custody of the Clerk of the Crown, and lodged with the Prothonotary, many years since.

No. 38. Sundry Bonds, and other Documents, ordered by the Court to be lodged with the Officer; and which are kept by him in alphabetical order, in an alphabet for that purpose.

(2.)—These Records are lodged in several Apartments, appropriated to the Prothonotary's Office of the King's Bench, in the new Offices on the Inns Quay, which are Public property. The security and accommodation is quite perfect; but we apprehend, that, in a very few years, more rooms will be necessary, as those now in use are nearly full.

(3.)—The Judgment Books, Rolls, Rule Books, and all other Books, are (considering the length of time, and the variety of Persons who have daily access to them) in good preservation, care having been taken to have such Books transcribed, repaired, and re-bound, when necessary. The Rolls are arranged in chronological order, with labels, denoting the Terms and Years to which they belong. The Books in like manner. The different Files, from No. 12 to 36 inclusive, are tied and kept in separate Presses for that purpose, with labels, denoting the Years to which they respectively belong.

(4.)—There are complete Catalogues kept of all the Judgments which are contained in the Rolls; also Indexes kept of all Rules and Orders made by the Court; and also, of all the other Books.

There are not any Catalogues kept of the different Files from Nos. 12 to 36 inclusive; nor do we apprehend any necessary, as they all merely relate to the different Proceedings in the progress of the Cause to final Judgment; which, when complete, are put upon the Rolls, and alphabeted in the Judgment Books, as stated above; but, when wanting, are easily obtained, by reference to the Rule or Judgment Books.

(5.)—The Officers are, the Two Prothonotaries, the Two Deputy Prothonotaries, a Joint Clerk of the Rules, and Eleven Clerks, who regularly served their Apprenticeships in the said Office; and several under Clerks. The Office is open every day, except Sunday: the hours of attendance are from ten to three; but the Office is kept open, during Term, while any Business is wanting; and several of the confidential Clerks attend in the evening, from 7 to 9, to receive any Copy, Pleadings, Affidavits, &c. There is no Salary paid by the Public; but the Clerks are paid by Fees, payable by the Suitors.

The Amount of the Income of the Patentees, the two Deputy Prothonotaries, and Clerk of Rules, have been returned to the Finance Committee; and the Patentees have been examined by said Committee respecting them; but the Income of the Clerks cannot be ascertained, no Account having been kept by them. The Fee for a Search is 2*s*. 8½*d*. for every 20 years. They are also entitled to 2*d*. per Sheet for the Copy of each Record, or other Pleading; and they are also entitled to other Fees, upon the different Proceedings in the Court, incident to their respective Employments, which are likewise paid by the Suitors. There is no Fee demandable for the attendance of Clerks out of our Office with any of the Records, the same being removed very seldom, and then only by the order of the Court.

(6.)—There are different Clerks, whose duty it is to attend to the safe custody of the different Records, Judgment Books, Files, &c. who read and translate the Court-hand and Latin Records; who make the necessary Entries, Searches, &c.; and, when completed, restore the different Books, Files, and Rolls, to their proper places.

(7.)—There

(7.)—There does not any other matter occur to us, at present, as expedient or necessary to observe, for rendering the use of said Records, &c. more convenient to the Public; save that we wish to repeat, that, in a few years, the Office will be greatly crowded.

Rowley Heyland, *Robert Hamilton,*
Deputy Prothonotaries of the Court of King's Bench in Ireland.

27. FILACER.

The ANSWER of the joint FILACERS, (who are the Keepers of the Declarations, Pleas, Demurrers, Joinders, Rejoinders, Recognizances, and Bails of His Majesty's Court of King's Bench, to the QUERIES directed by the Right honourable the Commissioners on Public Records in Ireland.

(1.)—THE following are the Records in our possession, as Filacers of the Court of King's Bench:—Twenty-four volumes of Alphabetical Books, containing references to Declarations, Pleas, Demurrers, Joinders, Rejoinders, and so forth; commencing Michaelmas Term 1707, and ending Michaelmas Term 1810, complete:—The different Pleadings here mentioned, and to which these Books refer numerically, commencing Hilary Term 1755, and ending Michaelmas Term 1810, complete:—Recognizances, commencing Hilary Term 1729, and ending Michaelmas Term 1810, complete:—Two volumes of Manuscript Books, containing Entries of Bail Pieces, from Trinity Term 1733 to Michaelmas 1769:—Original Bail Pieces, commencing Hilary Term 1770, and ending Michaelmas Term 1810, complete:—Two volumes of Alphabetical Books, referring to these numerically, complete.

(2.)—The above Records are lodged in that part of the King's Bench Office appropriated to the Filacers of the Court of King's Bench, in presses kept for that purpose; which are locked by the Filacers at all times of leaving their Office. The accommodation as to room is inconvenient, the Office being now nearly full; and the more so, as the Agents of the Court and their Assistants, must of necessity have recourse to this Office, it being Public property.

(3.)—The above Records are in a perfect state of Preservation, and are severally arranged on Files, each containing one Term (save the Recognizances and Bails;) to which, Alphabetical Books, as mentioned in the Answer to the first Quere, refer numerically; but the Recognizances and Bails are arranged thus:—1st. The two Manuscript Books mentioned in Answer to 1st Quere: Recognizances commencing Hilary 1729, and ending Michaelmas Term 1810, tied up in four parcels, denoting the periods when each begins and ends:—2d. The two Manuscript Books of Entries mentioned in Answer to 1st Quere:—3d. Eight Files of original Bail Pieces, engrossed on parchment, and lodged on iron Files, with labels denoting the periods when each begins and ends:—4th. Volumes of Alphabetical Books, referring to these numerically, labelled in like manner: And are so arranged on account of their being comparatively few in number.

(4.)—There are not (nor is there need of) general Catalogues, Schedules, or Repertories, nor particular Indexes (save the books which refer by numbers to the Originals, and which are in fact a Repertory of this Office, and in themselves a Catalogue); nor are any of those Books defective; they do not know of any other place in which such Catalogues or Indexes are.

(5.)—The Officers and Clerks employed for the custody and arrangement of these Records, are the Deputy Filacers, and one Clerk, whose duty it is to attend every day (Sunday excepted) from ten o'clock in the forenoon until four o'clock in the afternoon, and in Term time from seven o'clock in the evening until nine, and even after those hours, as public convenience may require.

The amount of the Income of the Patentees and the two Deputy Filacers, have been returned to the Committee of Finance or Committee on Public Expenditure, before whom the Patentees have been examined concerning them; and in the Return so made, is comprised an Annuity granted to Thomas Church, father and joint Deputy Filacer with Dawson Church (in consideration of his long services as an Officer of the Court) by the liberality of the Right honourable Lord Henry Seymour and the Right honourable Lord Robert Seymour, joint Patentees, out of the Emoluments of this part of the Office of the Court of King's Bench, and is to the amount of 200*l.* per annum:—The emoluments of A. Lacy, their Clerk, amount to 100*l.* per annum, on an average of the last three years.

FEES demanded and paid by the Suitors of this part of the Court to which this Quere refers:—For a Search, :—Certificate of Declaration, Plea, &c. when to be specially used, 2*s.* 8½*d.*:—Certificate of no Declaration, Plea, &c. 8*d.*:—Certificate of Recognizance, &c. 3*s.*:—Copies of Declarations, Pleas, &c. per sheet, 6*d.*:—Filing each Declaration, 2*s.*:—Filing each Plea, 2*s.*:—Filing each Recognizance (if in Court) 3*s.*:—(If in Office) 2*s.*:—Copy D°, 3*s.*

(6.)—The Deputy Filacers are, by their deputation, specially entrusted with the care of these Records, and it is their duty to attend with their Clerk and other assistants, upon every Search, as occasion may require, and to take care that every Record, &c. is duly restored to its proper place. There is not any other regulation observed, nor do they conceive it necessary that any other should be observed, for effecting these purposes.

(7.)—From long experience, we conceive that there are no other matters, not comprised in the preceding Queries, necessary or expedient to be observed, for rendering the use of these Records more convenient, no pains being left untried to render every reference convenient to the Public. But here we beg leave to repeat, that inconveniences may in a short time occur for want of sufficient room:—We also beg leave to remark, that

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we have stated the Books of reference to Declarations, Pleas, &c. to commence in Michaelmas Term 1707, and the Pleadings to which they refer, to commence Hilary Term 1755. These are actually the Records lodged in that part of the Office appropriated to the use of the Filacers, but there are a number of this kind of Pleadings previous to 1755, lodged in a room in the upper part of the King's Bench Office, appropriated for the keeping of the most useless Records; they are tied up in bundles, and laid on the tops of the different presses, but it has not been found at all necessary to refer to any of them; as, in fact, Files of any ancient date are seldom referred to in this Office.

Thomas Church, *Dawson Church,*
Dep^{r} Filacers.

28. EXAMINERS.

28. Examiners.

THE Returns of the Examiners of this Court being the same in substance, they are therefore abstracted, as follows:—It is their joint duty to examine into, and report, as to the Morals of persons applying for admission as Attornies, and to see that they have served the regular time, and have all the documents required by the Acts:—This Report is laid before the Judges by the Prothonotary; and admission, or rejection, follows:—The mode of application is by petition to the Judges, verified by three affidavits (one, of the person applying, another, of the person to whom he served his time, and the third, that the proper notices have been posted;) with two Certificates, from the King's Inns, and Stamp Office, that the Fees and Stamps have been respectively paid: These Documents, and the Report, are all filed with the Prothonotary.

29. SEAL KEEPER.

The ANSWER of HENRY YEO, SEAL KEEPER of His Majesty's Court of King's Bench, to the QUERIES directed by the Right honourable the Commissioners on Public Records in Ireland.

29. Seal Keeper.

(1.)—THE Public Records, in my custody, are the manuscript Books, prepared pursuant to the Act of the 40th year of His present Majesty chapter 64, in which are entered the christian and surnames of the practising Attornies of the said Court, their place of abode, whether practising more or less than three years, the date of the Licence issued to them by the Stamp Office, and the time when the same was produced to be registered.

The period to which these Books relate, is from the time of the operation of the said Act (viz. 2 November 1806) to the present time; there are no chasms whatever in them; the entries are made in alphabetical order, and form a complete Index in themselves. There are other Books kept by me as Seal Keeper, viz. The Books in which are entered all the different Writs and Process issued under the Seal of the said Court, specifying the County to which such Writ has been directed, the name of the Writ, the Parties' names, the Return thereof, the sum for which such Writ has been marked (in cases where they are marked) and the Attorney's name thereto, with the Fee payable thereon to the Chief Justice of the Court. These Books have never been considered Public Records, but merely an account between the Chief Justice and the Seal Keeper, whereby he charges himself with the Fees received by him, and payable to the Chief Justice as above-mentioned. But it has frequently occurred, that the Seal Keeper has been applied to, to grant a Certificate of the entry and issue of various Writs, the Returns of which must have previously elapsed, and which Certificate has been considered, in many cases, as Evidence of the issuing of such Writs respectively, for which the Seal Keeper has been paid in proportion to the time and trouble in searching for the Entry, and granting the Certificate. These Books are not liable to public inspection, inasmuch as the different Persons against whom a Writ had been issued, and who it was intended should be arrested, might, by a reference to the Book, be aware of the fact, and conceal themselves, and thereby avoid such Arrest, to the manifest injury of their Creditors.

The earliest period, to which the Seal Books in my custody refer, is the 27th August 1760; from that period to the present time there are several Chasms, which are as follow; viz. From the 2d March 1784 to the 12th May 1784:—From the 25th January 1789 to the 7th June 1789:—From the 30th October 1791 to the 17th June 1792:—From the 12th May 1793 to the 30th April 1794:—From the 1st August 1794 to the 31st July 1797:—From the 15th November 1797 to the 2d July 1798:—From the 1st April 1801 to the 31st December 1802.

All the foregoing chasms have occurred previously to my appointment to the said Office; the causes of which, or the particular periods at which they occurred, I am therefore not enabled to state; but I humbly conceive these chasms are not material, inasmuch as, by any reference during my experience in the Office, the want of them has not been attended with any public inconvenience.

(2.)—The Building, in which these Records are lodged, is an apartment in the King's Bench Office, situate on the Inns Quay. This Building is Public property; and its condition, as to security and accommodation, may be considered as sufficient for the purpose.

(3.)—The Books, in which is contained the Registry of the Attornies' names, are in good Preservation; with respect to the arrangement of them, they are so recently adopted, that the entries hitherto made, are contained in two Books, which are, during Office hours, left for public inspection, and consequently require no arrangement at present. With respect to the Seal Books (before observed upon) they are also in good Preservation, and arranged in sufficient order for any reference that may be had to them by the Seal Keeper, to whom (as before observed) the inspection of them belongs. There is no Catalogue or Index to them, nor is it conceived necessary, for the before-mentioned reason.

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(4.)—Answered before.

(5.)—There is an Assistant employed by me, whose Duty is, in my absence, to enter and seal the Writs, and to enter in the Book for that purpose the Certificates of Licence, produced to be registered by the Practitioners of the said Court.

The Hours of Attendance are from eleven o'clock in the forenoon to four o'clock in the evening, and from seven to nine o'clock at night during the Terms, and for a part of the Vacations. There is no Salary or Allowance paid by the Public whatever.—The FEES payable to me on the Registry of the Attornies' Licence pursuant to the foregoing Act, and for the Search and Certificate of the Entry of all Writs issuing under the Seal of the Court, are as follow; viz.

For each Entry of the Registry, dating and signing the Licence of an Attorney, 1*s.* 1*d.*:—For the Search for the Entry of any Writ issuing under the Seal of the said Court, in proportion to the trouble and labour thereof:—For the Certificate of such Entry, 2*s.* 8½*d.*:—For attending in Court to prove the Issue of any Writ under Seal, 6*s.* 8*d.*

The average annual amount of the Fees, received on the Registry of Attornies' Names, for the last three years that the same could be made up, was 38*l.* 0*s.* 6*d.*

Not having kept any account of the Fees received for Searching, and granting the above-mentioned Certificates, I am not enabled to state the precise amount thereof, but they are trivial, and I should suppose, on an average, they might amount annually to a sum of 3*l.*

(6.)—There is not any person, specially intrusted with the Care of the said Records, save myself and the Assistant already mentioned, whose duty it is, equally with mine, to see that the Books, in which is contained the Registry of the Attornies' Licences, are properly preserved, and restored to their places, when not required for public inspection.

(7.)—There are no matters not comprised in the Questions to which these Answers refer, which it is necessary to observe upon, further than has been already stated.

14th March 1811. *Henry Yeo.*

3. COMMON PLEAS.

30. CHIROGRAPHER.

The ANSWER of the CHIROGRAPHER and CUSTOS BREVIUM of the Court of Common Pleas in Ireland, to the several QUERIES directed by the Commissioners on Public Records.

Description of the several sorts of Records.	*Periods of Time to which each sort relates; Deficiencies, &c.*
(1.)—FINES, comprehending Writs of Covenant, Dedimus or Commission, Concords, Affidavits of due Acknowledgment.	These commence in the reign of James the First, and thence to the year 1698 they are not very regular; which cannot however be considered of any significant consequence to the Public, those ancient Records never having once become the subject of Search, or Inquiry, for the last fifty years. From the year 1698 to the present time, these Records are regular and complete, without any chasm or deficiency.
FOOT, or RECORD of Fine - -	The earliest of these appear in the 18th of Elizabeth; and from that period to the year 1665, they are generally irregular; but as no Search has been required amongst them in the memory of any person now living, they cannot be of much consequence to the Public in future. From the year 1665 to the present time they are complete and regular, without any chasm or deficiency, except the year 1689, and Easter, Trinity, and Michaelmas Terms of 1690; which deficiency has always been considered to have been occasioned by the disturbances of those times.
WRITS, comprehending Writs of every description, returnable into the Court of Common Pleas.	These commence so early as the year 1551, but thence to the year 1702 they are put up in irregular bundles, probably on removals from places of keeping to others; and many of them are so defaced that it would be impossible now to arrange them better; nor would it be of any advantage to the Public, if they were arranged, there not being any instance of a Search required for a longer period than thirty years back, and even so far has not occurred thrice within these last forty years, and few Searches are made amongst these Records further than two or three years back; but from 1702 to the present time, these Records are in regular succession.
TIPPERARY RECORDS, consisting of Proceedings on various Actions in the Courts of the Palatinate of Tipperary.	These were removed from Tipperary to this Office by Act of Parliament, passed in the year 1715; they commence in 1663 and end in 1714, all very imperfect, and for a considerable time past have never been referred to, and probably never will.

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(2.)—All the Records mentioned in the Answer to the first Quere, are lodged in the Public Offices on the Inns Quay, which Offices are complete as to security and accommodation.

(3.)—The Fines are in a state of perfect preservation from 1665 to the present time, and are severally arranged, on Term Files and Rolls, indorsed, and placed in order of years on shelves, in presses properly labelled.

The Writs also are in perfect preservation from 1702 to the present time, except a very few, which were injured by damp, before they were removed to the present place of keeping.

(4.)—There are complete and correct Indexes to all the Fines, but as these Indexes, as well as the Fines down to the year 1737, are written in Court hand, and in the Latin language much abbreviated; the Patentees conceiving it would be a Public advantage, determined on making out a new Index in large and plain English characters, and it is now proceeding in accordingly. There never was any Index to the Writs, nor is any necessary; because they are kept on Files, each File holding all the Writs of one Term, and at the end of every year the four Terms are made up in one parcel, and labelled accordingly.

(5.)—One of the Patentees, and one Deputy, are constantly employed in the receiving, making up, arranging, and keeping the Records. They receive and enter the Fines, and prepare drafts of the Indentures of them; and when engrossed by the Clerks employed for the purpose, the Patentee or Deputy examines, compares and makes them up in Term Files and Rolls, and deposits them in fit and regular order, in presses assigned to them in the Office, mentioned in the Answer to the second Quere.

The Estreats of Outlawries when engrossed by the Clerks, are compared and made up by the Patentee or Deputy, who attends the Puisne Judge with them to the Court of Exchequer on the last day of every issuable Term, to deliver them into that Court. Two persons are included in the deputation, to guard against the effects of sickness or any other unavoidable absence, and one of the Patentees or one of the Deputies, attends in Court, every sitting day of every Term; and their attendance in the Office is every day in the year (except Sundays, Christmas-day, Good Friday, Easter and Whit Monday and Tuesday;) heretofore the hours of attendance in the Office were from ten in the morning to three in the afternoon, but now in Term they have been necessarily extended to four, and often to five and six o'clock, as Forenoon attendance, and from seven to nine, and sometimes ten at Night. For the arrangement, custody, &c. of the Records, the Deputies or Clerks have no salary, allowance or emolument whatever, paid by the Public. The Fees demandable for each Search, are 6*s.* 8*d.* for every ten years; for every Certificate, 2*s.* 6*d.*; for every copy of a Record, 6*d.* per sheet; of which the Chief Clerk receives from the Public at the rate of 1*s.* for every six sheets contained in such copy; and the Fees for attending with any Record in Court, are 2*s.* 6*d.* The net annual amount of the Fees, &c. mentioned in this Quere, is, on an average for the last three years, 85*l.* 2*s.* 3*d.*

(6.)—None but the Patentees or Deputies are ever intrusted with, or have access to the Records; one of them invariably attends upon every Search, never suffers the Record out of his sight, and uniformly returns it to its proper place, when the purpose for which it is resorted to is satisfied.

(7.)—As every File or Roll now in the Office can be immediately turned to and produced when required, the Patentees have not anything to suggest which could tend to render the use of the Records more convenient to the Public.

D. & W. C. Babington.

5th January 1811.

31. PROTHONOTARY.

The ANSWERS of the PROTHONOTARIES of the Court of Common Pleas in Ireland, their Deputies and Secondaries, to the several QUERIES directed by the Right honourable the Commissioners on Public Records.

31. Prothonotary.

(1.)—THE Public Records, Books, and Rolls, in our custody, are Remembrance Rolls, which contain the Entries of Precipes for suffering Recoveries, with the Tenants', Demandants' and Vouchers' names, together with the descriptions and denominations of Lands to be passed at Bar. They commence in the year 1715, and, to the year 1727 inclusive, appear complete; but from the year 1727 to the year 1746 is a chasm; from the year 1746 to the present time complete. We cannot account for the above chasm, as the Rolls that are missing were not returned to us by the late Deputy, and upon the most minute inquiry we find they were not returned to him.

The Remembrance Rolls are bound in vellum covers, and placed in a press in the Record Room, which we have particularly allotted to them, being Records of the greatest consequence.

The Judgment Rolls are bound also in vellum covers, indorsed in Years and Terms; and each Record contains the nature of the Action, whether in Debt, Case, Dower, Partition, Quare Impedit, Replevin, or Ejectment, and is regularly numbered; they also contain the Enrolments of Recoveries, Deeds declaring the uses of Fines and Recoveries, and Memorials of Assignments of Judgments, forming a complete series from the year 1663 inclusive, to the present time. There are likewise several Rolls commencing in the year 1591 to the year 1663 above mentioned, partly defaced, without any Index or Reference to them. We consider it would be of little consequence to the Public to make an Index to those Rolls, that are so defaced, as they are written in the

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Court hand, and other hands anciently used, and only relate to Entries of Suits, Actions, and Proceedings immaterial at this period of time, and seldom, if ever, resorted to.

Rolls of Attornies admitted in this Court, commence in the year 1741, and from thence to the year 1760 are complete; from the year 1760 to the year 1766 there is a chasm; from 1766 to the present time complete. The above Roll, which is missing, was not returned to us by the late Deputy.

Rolls containing the Names of all Persons who have taken the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy in Court, from Hilary Term 1714 to and for Hilary Term 1811.

Rolls of all Persons qualifying as Roman Catholics, commencing in 1793, are complete to the present time; all the Rolls of this description, prior to that period, were returned to the Rolls Office in Chancery by the late Deputy.

Judgment Books (wherein Searches are made) and referring to the Judgment Rolls, commence in the year 1661, are complete to the present time, and, considering the length of time in use, are in good preservation.

The Judicial Rule Books commence in the year 1698, and are complete to the present time; except from the year 1722 to the year 1730, from the year 1744 to 1748, and from 1754 to 1763, which are missing. They were not returned to us by the late Deputy; however, we do not consider the loss of these Books of much consequence to the Public, none of them having been called for since we came into Office, ten years ago.

Writs of Entry, Commissions, and Warrants of Attorney for suffering Recoveries, commence in the year 1713; from thence to the year 1769 they were put up in Files irregularly as to Terms and Years, and many of them so irregular that it would be scarcely possible now to arrange them; nor would it be of any advantage to the Public if they were, as they are seldom, if ever, resorted to; but from the year 1769 to the present time, they are in regular succession, and can be produced when required.

Writs comprehending Inquiries, Scire Facias, Fieri Facias, Capias ad Satisfaciendum, Capias ad Respondendum, and Habere Facias Possessionem, are irregularly sorted and labelled, commencing in the year 1741, and from thence to the year 1781; but from that period to the present time they are regularly placed on Files, and arranged in years, indorsed, and placed in presses for that purpose. There never was any Index to these Writs, nor is it necessary, because they can be resorted to readily when occasion requires, the period of issuing them being known.

Affidavits on which Writs are marked, Affidavits of the Service of Ejectments, Affidavits ascertaining Rent, and all Affidavits to ground Motions in Court, commencing in the year 1695, and from thence to the year 1770, are put on Files, and many of them so irregular, that it would be a difficult matter now to arrange them better. There is seldom, if ever, any reference made to them; and we consider it would be of no benefit to the Public were we to make any other arrangement; but from the year 1770 to the present time they are kept on Files properly labelled, each containing the Affidavits of the Term, and at the end of each year are placed in a press allotted for them.

Affidavits of the Service of Process to compel Appearances, which have issued pursuant to the 44th of the King, intituled, "An Act to render the Process of the King's Bench, Common Pleas, and Exchequer, more "beneficial to the Public;" and Affidavits verifying the same, together with the Process, commence in Michaelmas Term 1803, are likewise kept on Files, and regulated as before mentioned.

(2.)—The Buildings (in which the above Records and Books are kept) are in good Preservation, and the Record Room particularly is well adapted for that purpose, it being secure from fire. This Building belongs to Government, and is situate on the Inns Quay.

(3.)—The Books, Rolls, Writs, and Affidavits, before mentioned, are in good Preservation, considering the length of time, and the variety of Persons who have daily access to them; Care having been taken to have such Books repaired and rebound as were found necessary. They are arranged in presses in the Record Room, properly labelled.

(4.)—Each Judgment Book is an Index of itself, and none of them are defective; the Index to the Recoveries is not complete; but since we came into Office we have used every exertion to complete it; it will take about two years to do so, as the Entries must be made from the Remembrance Rolls.

(5.)—The Prothonotaries, their Deputies, and Secondaries, have the custody of the Books, Rolls, and Records before mentioned; and also all Writs of Inquiries, Posteas, and Pleadings, on which Issues are joined and Judgments marked, as incident to their Office. There are also eleven Clerks, who regularly served their apprenticeship in said Office, most of whom read and translate the Court Hand and Latin Records, employed by the Prothonotaries for conducting the general business of the Office, who have access to the said Rolls, Books, and other Records, as occasion requires, and whose duty it is to see that the same are placed in their proper places after searches are made. To guard against any neglect in the different Clerks, in not properly replacing the Books and Rolls after searches are made, &c. &c. we have appointed an intelligent and careful Clerk to the care of the Record Room, whose duty it is to prevent any improper use being made of the Books, Rolls, and other Records, and to see that they are regularly put in their proper places, after Searches are made.

The hours of attendance in Term are from ten until five, and in the vacation from eleven until four; but one of the Deputies always remains in the Office as long as there is any business to do, and some of the confidential

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confidential Clerks attend in the evening from seven until nine, and sometimes until ten o'clock, to receive and copy Pleadings, Affidavits, &c. The Clerks have no Salary, Allowance or Emolument paid by the Public. The Fees demandable for each Recovery-Search is 3*s.* 4*d.* for every ten years, and for each Search for Judgments for twenty years 2*s.* 8½*d.*, and so in proportion to the length of the Search; which are received by the different Clerks in the Office, and amount to an inconsiderable sum yearly. The Clerks are also entitled to two pence a sheet for the Copy of each Record or other Pleadings, and are entitled to certain other Fees on the different Proceedings incident to their employments. These Fees are paid by the Suitors of the Court, but no account being kept of such Fees, the average amount cannot be ascertained for the last three years. There is no Fee demandable for the attendance with any of the Records in our Office, the same being never removed without a special Order of the Court; the amount of the several Fees payable to the Prothonotaries, their Deputies, and Secondaries, has been returned to the Finance Committee, and the Patentees have been examined by said Committee relatively to them.

(6.)—It is the Duty of all the Clerks employed in our Office, to attend to the safe keeping of the different Records, Files, &c. who make the necessary Entries, Searches, &c. &c. and when completed, restore the different Books, Files, and Rolls, to their respective places.

(7.)—Nothing occurs to us at present that can render the Books and Records before mentioned more convenient to the Public, save that we consider, in a few years, more room will be required to be added to the Record Room, as the presses at present are nearly full.

Geo. Hill, *Rick*d *Hill*,
Deputy Prothonotaries and Secondaries.

32. FILACERS.

32. Filacers.

(1.)—THE Records, at present in the custody of the Filacer, are Appearance Books, containing Entries of Appearances, Bail, and Defences in Ejectment, in a regular Series, from 1714 to the present day, together with the Files of Appearances, Bail, and Defences, from 1790 to the present time. Rolls, containing Enrolments of Judgments of Non Pros in Debt, Case, Ejectment, Replevins, &c. &c. and Judgments in Dower, Partition, Scire Facias against Bail, &c. from 1714 to the present time. Files of Bills against Peers, Privileged Persons, &c. &c. from 1806 to the present time. Books, containing entries of Writs issued from the Filacer's Office, from 1731 to the present day.

The Rolls, from 1761 to 1767, and from 1800 to 1807, are wanting. There are also several chasms in the entries of Writs.

(2.)—The above Records are kept in an Office in the new Four Courts, but are in a state of extreme insecurity. The Chief Justice has, however, applied to Government for a commodious Office for the Preservation of Records, of such vast consequence to the Public.

(3.)—Said Records are in a tolerable state of Preservation; but are badly arranged, and rather in confusion, for want of room, and places of security.

(4.)—There are Books, called Judgment Books, containing entries of the several Judgments enrolled in the Filacer's Office, from 1704 to 1762, and from 1808 to the present time; but the intermediate years are wanting. Much utility would arise from enrolling said Judgments, from the year 1800 to 1808, and making entries of them in Judgment Books, it being often necessary to search for and refer to them: this might be accomplished by the ordinary diligence of one Clerk in about a year. The Indexes or Entries of other Records are sufficiently complete: no Records belonging to the Filacer are known to exist elsewhere.

(5.)—The Duties of the Filacers and Exigenters Offices, are discharged by two Deputies and a Clerk. In Term an additional Clerk is employed, when Business requires it.

The Duties of the FILACER are, as follow; viz. To sign, examine, and enter all Mesne Process, to file Appearances, Bails and Defences, and to make Entries thereof in Books, kept for that purpose, with alphabetical references:—To file Bills against Peers, Bodies Corporate, &c. Counts in Dower, &c. and to make out Writs of Summons, Distringas, Grand Cape, &c. thereon:—To sign, enter and enrol Judgments of Non Pros, Dower, Partition, Quare Impedit, Waste, &c. and Judgments by default against Manucaptors, and to make out Executions, Inquiries, or other Writs thereon:—To make out Writs of Habeas Corpus, Procedendo, Scire Facias against Bail, Scire Facias to revive Judgments of Non Pros, &c. Writs of Retorno Habendo, Capias in Withernam, Attachments of Privilege, Grand Cape, Habere Facias Seizinam, Inquiries in Dower, Replevin, &c. and other Writs before mentioned:—To tax the Costs of all Judgments, and other Proceedings, in the Filacer's Office:—To attend at the sitting of the Court in Term, to justify Bail:—To file Affidavits of Notice of Bail served, Affidavits of the Service of Rules for Procedendo, Non Pros, Retorno Habendo, &c. It is also the duty of the Filacer here, as in England, to file Affidavits upon which Writs are marked, Affidavits of the service of Process, and to verify same. But, in the time of the late Filacer (when such Affidavits were first filed in the Common Pleas in Ireland) the right of Filing them was assumed by the Prothonotary.

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The present Filacer obtained the Grant of his Office in April 1808; so that he is unable to return an average of 3 years, as required. The following is, however, the Amount of his Fees, upon an average of the last two years, as Filacer and Exigenter; viz.

	Received by Principal.	Deputies.	Total.
From 1st May 1808 to 1st May 1809 -	£. 947. 1. 5½. -	£. 473. 10. 8½.	= £. 1,420. 12. 2.
To 1st May 1810 - - - - - - - - -	952. 16. 2½. - -	476. 9. 5½.	= 1,429. 5. 7½.

The total amount of Fees as Filacer, the first year, was 1,369*l.* 0*s.* 2*d.*; the second year 1,376*l.* 10*s.* 7½*d.*

The total amount of Fees as Exigenter, the first year 51*l.* 12*s.*; the second year 52*l.* 15*s.*

The Salary of the Clerk (including some Perquisites) amounts to about 90*l.* per annum. The hours of attendance are, in Term, from 10 in the morning till 4, and from 7 in the evening till 9. Vacation, from 11 in the morning till 4, and from half past 7 in the evening till 9.—*N. B.* There is no Evening attendance in the Summer Vacation, from the middle of August to the first of November, nor on the last Evening of every Term, from an immemorial custom. The only Holidays kept in this Office are, Good Friday until after Divine Service, Easter Monday, Christmas day, St. Stephen's day, and the King's Birth-day, unless it falls in Term.

(6.)—The Persons intrusted with the care of said Records are the two Deputies.

(7.)—A new and commodious Office for the Preservation of the important Records of the Filacer is indispensably necessary.

The Duties of the EXIGENTER are, to make out and sign Writs of Exigent, and Proclamation to Outlawry, and make Entries thereof in Books kept for that purpose. The Records of his Office consist of books, containing such Entries from 1668 to the present year. The Entries of a few years, in the time of the late Filacer, are not to be found; nor can they, though of much consequence, be ever completed or restored.

The above Duties are performed in the Office of the Filacer, who is also Exigenter, by two Deputies and a Clerk. The hours of Attendance, and Holidays, are consequently the same as above mentioned.

John Clancy, *Wm. Haliday*,
Deputy Filacers.

33. CLERK OF THE WARRANTS.

The ANSWER of Francis Pierpoint Hewitt, Esquire, CLERK of the WARRANTS and ESTREATS of the Court of Common Pleas, to the QUERIES directed by the Commissioners of the Public Records in Ireland, to be answered by him.

(1.)—THERE are no Public Records, Rolls, Instruments, Registers, or Manuscript Books and Papers, containing any acts or proceedings by Royal, Parliamentary, Judicial, or other Public Authority, in my power at present, as keeper of the said Records, except as herein mentioned; viz. one Manuscript Book, containing an Entry of Rules for Fines and Amerciaments against all Sheriffs, Coroners and Seneschals, commencing in the year 1786 and ending in the year 1787, which Book was kept by my predecessor, Mr. Richard Fenner, and afterwards kept for some time by Mr. Patrick Clanchy, lately deceased, who acted as my Deputy, who then filled a situation or situations in the Offices of said Court, to whom, as such Deputy, Mr. Fenner handed (at the time of my appointment to office, which was in the year 1786) all such Books, Rolls, Papers, and other Records and Entries, as my said Predecessor theretofore kept in the discharge of the said office; none of which were handed back to me by the said Clanchy, or any other person, save said Manuscript Book above mentioned; but the said Clanchy accounted with me for part, but not the entire, of the Fees relating to my said Office. The reason why said Fines and Amerciaments were not continued to be entered in said Book is, the said Clanchy entered into a treaty with Mr. T. Morton, (who then kept the Common Rule Book of said Court, and when the business of said Court was extremely light) that he should include said Rules against Sheriffs, Seneschals, and Coroners, in his Rule Book; he said Morton accounting with me or the said Clanchy for the Fees payable on the Entry of all such Fines; which the said Morton accordingly agreed to do; upon which occasion said Book became unnecessary; and the said Morton, during his stay in office, accounted with said Clanchy, for my use, for the Fees payable to me on said Fines; but Mr. Jackson (the successor of said Morton) has declined to render an account of said Fees to me, save in one or two instances, after his coming into office. The only papers in my custody, as received by me in virtue of my said office, are consents to reduce Fines against Sheriffs, Seneschals and Coroners, also the Paper extracts of all absolute Fines entered in the Rule Book, which it is my duty to extract, and estreat same into the Court of Exchequer, engrossed on a roll or strip of parchment.

(2.)—The said Documents, mentioned in the foregoing Quere, have been lodged with me or my Clerk or Deputy, at my lodgings in the City of Dublin, which have been changed perhaps two or three times a year, according to convenience. Their condition as to Security, is the same as my own private family papers; and the Building is Private property.

(3.)—The said Documents in said first Quere mentioned, are in good Preservation, but not arranged in any regular order.

(4.)—The Catalogues, Calendars, Schedules, and Repertories and Indexes, belonging to this Office (not having been returned to me by the said Clanchy) I cannot, on that account, answer the first part of this Quere; but in

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answer to the latter part thereof, the book for the Entries of Warrants of Attorney of all Judgments, all Warrants of Attorney upon Recoveries, and Warrants to acknowledge Satisfaction, Clerks' Articles to Attornies, Affidavits of the execution thereof, the Roll of Attornies, the enrolments of Deeds, as also all Warrants of Attorney on filing Ejectments, are kept in the Public Office of said Court by the Prothonotaries or their Deputies, and are in their possession, and they are supposed to be Public property, and Warrants of Attorney on all Actions in the Case, are usually lodged with and filed by the persons issuing or signing all Writs out of said Court.

(5.)—I always keep a Clerk or Deputy; whose duty it is, in every issuable Term, to estreat from the Rule Book of each Term, the absolute Fines entered against Sheriffs, Coroners, and Seneschals, and also to receive such Consents to reduce Fines, as may be lodged in my Office. The salary I pay said Clerk, for the discharge of said Department of my Office, is 60*l.* a year; his hours of attendance are from ten o'clock in the morning till four in the afternoon; he receives no allowance or emoluments from the Public in respect thereto.

The TABLE of the FEES demandable for Searches, Certificates, Copies of Records, &c. is as follows:—For every Warrant of Attorney in Actions of Debt, Detinue, Account or Trespass, and every personal Action, 4*d.*:—For every Post Terminum, 4*d.*:—For every Warrant of Attorney for a Sheriff, 3*s.* 4*d.*:—For entering the admission of every Attorney, 5*s.*:—For every Warrant of Attorney for a Sheriff, 3*s.* 4*d.*:—For enrolling every Deed, according to the rate of ten shillings for every Roll written on both sides, 10*s.*:—For every Warrant of Attorney upon a Common Recovery, or any other real Action, and Warrant of Attorney to confess Satisfaction, 8*d.*:—For renewing the Roll of Attornies for every Term, for each Attorney, 4*d.*:—For every Recipiatur granted by the Court, 4*d.*; for a copy thereof, 4*d.*:—For every Search for Warrants of Attorney, every Term, 4*d.*:—If above five years, for the whole Search, 5*s.* 8*d.*:—For a Certificate from the Clerk of the Warrants, 9*d.*:—For all Consents to reduce Fines, being the Fees paid from time immemorial, for each Consent, 1*l.* 2*s.* 9*d.*:—For every Rule entered to fine Sheriffs, Coroners, and Seneschals, 4*s.* 10½*d.*

I cannot set forth what the annual amount of my Fees, upon an average of the last three years, might have been, inasmuch as I have not been accounted with or paid for the same by the Deputy Prothonotary, or by any other person for that period.

(6.)—There are no matters, that I know of at present, not comprised in the preceding Questions, expedient or necessary to observe, for rendering the use of said Records more convenient to the Public.

Francis Pierpoint Hewitt.

34. CLERK OF THE RULES AND ENTRIES.

34. Clerk of the Rules and Entries.

AS Clerk of the Rules and Entries of the Court of Common Pleas, the Peremptory Rule Books of said Court are in my department and care; and in which all the Court Rules, Orders, Rules of Course on Consents, Submissions, and Awards, are entered; which Books are at present perfect, and they commence in 1711, and are continued to the present time. The Books in which the Names of all the practising Attornies of said Court, pursuant to the Order of said Court and by Act of Parliament, are entered, are also in my department and care, and lodged in my Office. There are Indexes to said Books. Persons applying for the benefit of the different Insolvent Acts, also file their Petitions in my Office, where they remain as of Record.

Consents entered into by the Suitors of said Court, and made Orders thereof, are also filed in my Office, when the Orders are made out on such Consents.

These several Books are kept in Presses in my Office, and are arranged in numerical order; and I must observe, that though they are Books of the utmost consequence to the Suitors of said Court, and kept for Public inspection, and for Searches to be made in them; and though there are two Clerks, paid by me, in attendance during Office hours, the greater part of whose business is to take care of said Books; yet the generality of Practitioners and their Clerks, who make such Searches, toss these Books about in such a manner, on every opportunity, that it is a very difficult task to preserve them perfect, and from being torn and blotted.

These two Clerks attend in my Office every day (except Sunday and Christmas Day) from ten to five o'clock or later, and in the Evening from six to nine o'clock; and their Salaries are paid by me, and not by the Public, or in any other manner. Their Duties are, to enter and copy Orders; attend to hand those Books to have Searches made in them, and for which no Fee is paid; but if there was a small Fee to be paid for each Search, these Books would not be so much unnecessarily used and abused as they are, suppose two shillings for every Term or more?

All Notices of Motions, and Trials, are to be filed in my Office previously to the making of such Motions, or the hearing of such Trials, on which a Fee is paid. There are no other Records lodged in my Office but those stated before.

The Office, I occupy, is in the King's-Inns Square of the Court of Common Pleas; and I apprehend it is in the gift of Government. It is very inconvenient and insecure; and though I have made several applications to have some Repairs and Alterations made in it, for the benefit of the Public, and comfort of myself and Clerks, yet I have not been attended to.

Peter Jackson.

35. CLERK OF THE ERRORS.

The ANSWERS of the CLERK of the ERRORS, JURIES, and ESSOIGNS, of His Majesty's Court of Common Pleas in Ireland, to the QUERIES directed by the Right Honourable the Commissioners on the Public Records.

(1.)—AS Clerks of the Errors, we have in our custody all Writs of Error not proceeded upon, from the year 1738 to the present time; in which there does not appear to be any chasm. Such Writs of Error as have been proceeded upon, were annexed to the Transcripts of the Records in Error, and transmitted to the Court of Error. We have also in our custody Enrolments of Records in Error from inferior Courts, during the Reign of King George II. Since that period we cannot discover any Record of a similar nature.

As Clerks of the Juries, we have in our custody all Writs of Venire Facias, with the Sheriff's Returns issuing out of the Court of Common Pleas, from the year 1786 to the present time; except the File for the year 1788, which is missing. All those prior to 1786 have been lodged in the Office of the Custos Brevium.

As Clerks of the Essoigns, we have in our custody a File of Essoigns, from the year 1750 to 1803; in which there does not appear to be any chasm. Since that period, no Essoign has been cast in the Court of Common Pleas.

(2.)—The aforesaid Records are lodged in the Office of the Court of Common Pleas; and are kept in Presses properly secured, which are Public property.

(3.)—Said Records are in a good state of Preservation, and are arranged on Files.

(4.)—There are no Catalogues or Indexes to each sort; as such would be of no utility.

(5.)—We employ no Deputy or Clerk, though authorized to do so. The hours of attendance are from ten o'clock in the Morning until five in the Evening during Term, and from eleven until four in Vacation. 2*s.* 8½ *d.* is the Fee demandable for each Search, and 6*s.* 8 *d.* for each Copy; which are so seldom wanted, that no account has been kept of them, therefore the Profits are very inconsiderable.

(6.)—There is no other Person specially intrusted with the care of said Records.

(7.)—There does not appear to us to be any matters, not comprised in the foregoing Queries, necessary or expedient to observe, for rendering the use of the said Records more convenient to the Public.

Andrew Reid, Joseph Reid,
Clerks of the Juries, Errors, and Essoigns.

36. CLERK OF THE OUTLAWRIES.

(1.)—I have in my custody all Writs of Proclamation of Outlawry, with the Returns thereon, from the year 1786 to the present day. There does not appear to be any deficiency in the same.

(2.)—Said Records are lodged in the Office of the Court of Common Pleas, and are kept in Presses, under lock and key.

(3.)—Said Records are in a good state of Preservation, and are arranged in numerical order. Those prior to 1786, are in a confused state, owing to their removal from the old Common Pleas Office. Their being regulated would be of no utility to the Public, there being no resort to them.

(4.)—There are complete and correct Indexes from the year 1739 to the present time, containing a full Extract of each Record, which supersedes the necessity of resorting to the Original.

(5.)—I employ a Deputy for the custody and arrangement of said Records; his Duty is, to sign all Writs of Capias utlagatum, enter the Abstracts from the Proclamations of Outlawry, to attend upon every Search, and take care that each Record be restored to its proper place. His attendance is from ten o'clock in the Morning until three in the Afternoon, except Holidays, namely, Sundays and Christmas-day. I pay him no Salary. The Emoluments accruing to him are paid by the Public, the amount of which I cannot exactly state, but do suppose it to be about 20 *l.* per annum; 2*s.* 8 *d.* is the Fee demandable for every Search for twenty years; if longer, 5*s.* 5 *d.* which Searches are scarcely ever applied for. 6*s.* 8 *d.* is the Fee for each Copy or Certificate. My Emolument, as Principal, upon an Average (for the last three years) amounts to about 20 *l.* per annum.

(6.)—There is no other Person intrusted with the care of said Records.

(7.)—All matters which appear to me necessary or expedient to observe, are comprised in the foregoing.

William Kemmis,
Clerk of the Outlawries.

37. CLERK OF ASSIGNMENTS.

SIR, Common Pleas Office, Inns-Quay, 16th January 1811.

I BEG leave to inform you, that it is not in my power to make any Return to the Right honourable the Commissioners of Public Records, acting only as Clerk to the Deputy Prothonotaries of the Court of Common Pleas, who have already sent in a Return of all the Assignments belonging to their Office, and which they have in their possession, and under their immediate care.

I have the honour to be, Sir, &c.

Wm Thomas.

Wm Shaw Mason, Esq.

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38. Examiners.

38. EXAMINERS.

THE Duties and Returns of the Examiners of this Court, are exactly similar to those of the King's Bench.

39. Seal Keeper.

39. SEAL KEEPER.

SIR, Common Pleas Office, Dublin, 7th January 1811.

AS Seal Keeper of the Court of Common Pleas, there is a Book kept in the Common Pleas Office, in which all Writs are entered and then sealed, by the direction of the Chief Justice of said Court: And besides the above, which is called The small Seal of said Court, there is a large Seal, which is affixed to the Exemplifications of every Recovery, and to all Grants of Offices under the patronage of the Chief Justice: And there is no Record or Document kept in the Seal Office, save the Book of Entries as aforesaid: And the Emoluments, arising from these Seals, are part of the Chief Justice's Fees of said Court.

I have the honour to be, Sir, &c.

Peter Jackson.

4. EXCHEQUER.

(1.) *Of Receipt.*

40. AUDITOR GENERAL.

ANSWERS to the QUERIES directed by the Commissioners on the Public Records in Ireland, referred to in the annexed Letter; and to be answered by the AUDITOR GENERAL of the Court of Exchequer, or his Deputy, or other proper Officer.

40. Auditor General.

(1.)—THE Records, Books, Rolls, Instruments, and manuscript Books, in this Office, are; Books of Patents from Henry VII. to the present time, containing Grants of Lands, Tithes, Rectories, Fairs, Markets, Offices, &c. &c. complete, except one Book of Charles II. supposed to have been burned when the Office was kept in Crane Lane:—Patents passed under the Commission of Defective Titles, Charles I.:—Decrees of the Commissioners for executing the Act of Settlement 1663:—Certificates of the Commissioners for executing said Act:—Certificates of transplanted Persons, under D°:—King's Letters, from Henry VIII. to the present time;—Assignments and Powers of Attorney, from Charles I. to D°:—Book of Indentures of Composition, in the reigns of Queen Elizabeth and James I.:—Rent Roll of Queen Elizabeth, of Monasteries, &c. and her Civil and Military establishment:—Civil and Military establishments from her reign to the present time:—Rent Rolls of Quit, Crown, and Composition Rents, for every District in the Kingdom, made out 1692:—D°, made out about 1706:—Books of Survey and Distribution, of each County in Ireland, of the Lands forfeited in 1641, in which are the names of the Persons forfeiting, the denominations of Lands forfeited, the number of profitable and unprofitable Acres in each town land, and to whom they were granted, also the Civil Survey of such Lands as were not forfeited: In these Books are also the Forfeitures of 1688, and to whom the Lands were granted:—Books of entry of Exchequer Orders, from Charles II. to the present time, respecting Quit, Crown, and Composition Rents:—There are many Books of entries of Grants, &c. during Oliver Cromwell's time, but not considered of any use, not being deemed evidence:—National Public Accounts, the Receipts and Expenditures of the Exchequer, from Charles II. to the present time; made out yearly till 1764, and from that period to the present time quarterly; as examined and vouched by the Commissioners of Public Accounts, till the establishment of the Treasury Board; and from that period by the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury; with all the Vouchers:—Pells' Books; Chamberlains' Books; Life Annuity Books; Loan Books of the Interest paid to the respective Holders of Government Securities, from the commencement of Loans, until the Interest has been paid by the Bank a few years ago:—Books of Sheriffs' Accounts:—Book of the sale of Quit, &c. Rents, &c. under the Act of 38 Geo. III.:—Maps of the Lands forfeited in 1688, and sold by the Trustees of Forfeitures in 1702, &c. &c. &c.:—All Incumbrances affecting Papists, pursuant to an Act of Queen Anne, directing that they should be entered of Record in this Office; there are 136 large Rolls engrossed on parchment:—The engrossed National Public Account, from Charles II. to the present time:—Roll of Lands decreed and restored to Roman Catholics, called Innocents, and many other Rent Rolls, very old; Collectors' Accounts of the Customs and Excise, for every Port and District in the Kingdom, from 1684 to the present time, sworn to before the Barons of the Exchequer; with all the Vouchers accompanying the same. There are a great variety of other Books and Papers in the Office, from a very early period to the present time, which are not deemed of such value as those mentioned. There appears a chasm of about 20 years from 1641 to 1660, and another of about 7 years, from 1685 to 1692, occasioned (as supposed) by the disturbed state of the times.

(2.)—The foregoing Records are lodged in the Castle, and in the Dome of the Four Courts. Those in the Castle, from the smallness of the Office, and the number of Fires, cannot be said to be as secure, as Records ought

Ex Offic. Auditoris Gener. Scac. Hib.

No. 1.

[E. rot. Comp. temp. Edw. I.]

Rotulus liƀacionū ꝛt expeñs nccᵃiaꝝ in ꝯmino scē Trinitatis. anno R̄. R̄. Ed. vicesimo quarto.

ffeođ cap̄ Justic̄——ff. Joħi Wogan cap̄ Justic̄ Hiƀn. CCL. ŧi. a ꝯcio die Decembr̄, Anno R̄R̄. E. XXIIIIᵗᵒ. usq; ad pⁱmū diem Junii, ꝑx̄ seq̄. videlꝫ, ꝑ đi annū, in ꝑtem solucoĩs feodi sui D. ŧi quod ei concessit dñs Rex singŧis annis ꝑcipienđ ad sccᵃm, qᵃdiu steꝯit in officio ꝑdcō——Smᵃ. CCL. ŧi

No. 2.

[Ex rot. eodem.]

Rotulus liberacionū ꝛt expeñs necessar̄ pro gwerra Scocie——

ff. Thom̄ de Suyterbi Assignato ad vadia magnatum, ꝛt alioꝝ ꝑficiscenciū in expedicoēm dñi Regis ꝯsus ꝑtes Scocie solvenđ, ꝛt alia facienđ, que eidem expedicōi sunt necessar̄. M̄. ŧi. ꝑ eisdem vadiis solvenđ ꝛt aliis facienđ——liƀ eidem——Smᵃ. M̄. ŧi

No. 3

[Ex Rot. Comp. temp. H. VIII.]

Hiƀnia. **Comp̄us** Wiłłmi Brabasōn Subthēs terre Dñi Regꝭ Hiƀnie. quem una c[. . . .] Joħe Aleyn Cancellario dcī Dñi R̄ ꝯre sue ꝑd. Georgio Arcħiepo Dubliñ. Roƀto Cowley mr̄o Rotłoꝝ Cancellarie ejusdm̄ dñi R̄. in eadm̄ ꝯra & Th[. . . .] Cusak armigꝯo Dñs Rex nūc Henricus VIIIᵘˢ. dei gr̄a. Anglī & ffrauncie Rex. fidei Defenꝯ. Dnš Hibnie ac in ꝯra. supꝯmū caput. Anglicane & Hiƀnie[. . . . certis urgentiƀꝫ causis ipm̄ Dñu Regem adtunc moventibꝫ. ꝑ lrās suas patentes Datas sub pⁱvato sigillo suo. ꝯcio die ffebruarii. Anno regni sui XXXᵐᵒ. Ass[. . . . inꝯ alia. ad Investiganđ. inquirenđ. & scrutanđ. ubi infra dcām ꝯram Hiƀnie alique notabiles ymagines. vel reliquie fuerunt. ad quas simplices popul[. . . ejusdm̄ Dñi R̄. supsticiose convenire. ac tanqᵃm vagantes ꝑegrine ambulare. & vagare soŧebant. aut aliter osculari. lambire. vel honorare. contra honorē dei et ad eadm̄ dirumpenđ. deformanđ & Auferenđ. Ac ita cum rebꝫ omƀꝫ ꝑtiñ annēx et adjūctꝭ penitus Asportanđ ut nulla hmōi ludibria extunc. deinceps in dc̄a ꝯra. sive Dm̄io ꝑđ dñi R̄ essent usitata.

Ex Offic. Auditoris. Genor. Scac. Hib.

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No. 2.

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Ex Rot. comp. temp. H. VIII.

Hibnia — Compus Willm Brabazon Subthes terre Dni regis Hibnie. Quem tuit

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James Barry recd

Ordered, by the HOUSE OF LORDS, to be printed, 15th July, 1819.

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[E. Rot. Comp. 5 Edw. VI.]

Compa oim et singlos honos Castiorum Dnios Manios Ter et Tenementos ac alias possess tm Spualium qm Tempaliū quascunqs tm de Antiquo et vetero Dnico et hereditamento Dñi nunc Edwardi Sexti dei grā Anglie ffrancie et Hibernie Regis. fidei Defensoris ac in terra Ecclie anglicane et Hibernice Supremi Capitis, et de terris in manibus, ipius dñi Regis racone attinctur Geraldi nup Comitis Kildare et aliorum proditorum dñi Regis attinctos existen qm de terris et possessionibs in manibus ejusdem dñi Regis racone pquisicon pretextu cujusdm actus pliamenti ten apud Dublin Anno Regni precharissimi prīs sui nup Henrici octavi XXXIIIo existen prout in eodm plenius continetur Videlit a ffesto Sci Michis archi Anno nunc Regis Edwardi sexti Quarto usqs idm ffestum Sci michis archi extunc proxim sequent Anno ejusdm dni Regis Quinto sciit p unū Annu integrum ut infra.

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ought to be. The Records in the Dome are in a secure place, and there is accommodation for keeping them; both places are Public property.

(3.)—The Records in the Castle are in good Preservation, and well arranged; but the constant Searches made in them, have, in many instances, nearly destroyed the binding of the Books. Those in the Four Courts are in danger of being destroyed by dust and damp, and are in an unarranged state, and supposed to contain many valuable Records, which, were they examined and arranged, would be of great Public use.

(4.)—There is an Alphabet to each Book, with a few exceptions; also general Alphabets, but not complete, many necessary matters being omitted; and, from their constant use, some of them are nearly defaced, or destroyed or torn; it would therefore be for the benefit of the Public, that these defects were remedied; but it cannot be ascertained what time it would take to complete these Alphabets; that must depend on the number and abilities of the Persons employed. The Auditor General understands that Henry Harding has finished one general Alphabet to the oldest Books, and has three more in hand, one nearly finished; these he considers as Private Property, being done out of his official hours of attendance; he does not know that any of the Catalogues or Indexes wanting exist elsewhere.

(5.)—The Officers or Clerks employed for the custody and arrangement of the Records, &c. in the Auditor General's Office, are William Bower first Clerk, and Henry Harding second Clerk; but the immediate care of the old Records is delegated to Henry Harding, subject to the control of the Deputy and First Clerk: his general Duty is, to attend from eleven till three, to make Searches, Copies, Extracts, &c. from them: For which, exclusively of the Fee to the Auditor General, the following FEES are demanded and received by the Person doing the duty:—

For every Search, 3*s.* 4*d.*:—For a Certificate, 3*s.* 4*d.*:—For copying the Record, according to the length of it, or the difficulty in transcribing it, such Sum as shall be deemed reasonable for the trouble in making such Copies, &c.:—For an Attendance in any of the Courts in Dublin, 1*l.* 2*s.* 9*d.*

Mr. Harding's net annual Salary, paid by the Auditor General, is 100*l.*; and his Emoluments, arising from Searches, Copies, Translations, &c. have been, on an average for the last three years, about 200*l.* a year, as returned by him.—The Auditor General's Fees are, For a Constat, 6*s.* 8*d.*:—Copy of Patent, 10*s.* a Skin:—D° King's Letter, 6*s.* 8*d.*

(6.)—The first Clerk William Bower, and the second H. Harding, have the care (under the immediate control of the Deputy) of the said Records; and attend personally, and take care, after the Searches, &c. are made, that the Record be duly and fairly restored to its proper place.

(7.)—With regard to the Answer to the Seventh Quere, as no particular Account has been kept of the number of Searches, &c. in the last three years, no exact Return can be made; but as near as can be calculated, they are as follow:

Year ending 5 January 1809:	Year ending 5 January 1810:	Year ending 5 January 1811:
22 Certificates.	52 Certificates.	25 Certificates.
5 D° - City Sheriffs.	7 D° - City Sheriffs.	3 D° - City Sheriffs.
8 D° - Custom House.	9 D° - Custom House.	8 D° - Custom House.
35.	68.	36.
400 Searches.	422 Searches.	414 Searches.
7 Skins copied.	13 Skins copied.	14 Skins copied.

(8.)—No alteration has taken place in the Contents, Arrangement, or Condition of the Office, or in any other material circumstance respecting said Records, since the last Parliamentary inquiry relating thereto.

(9.)—From the want of room in the Auditor General's Office in Dublin Castle, many of the oldest of the Records (as has been before observed) have been removed to the Dome of the Four Courts, and are in a very unarranged State, and consequently great trouble in making Searches therein, and giving such necessary information as is required; to the manifest injury of the Public in making such Searches, &c. It certainly would be of National advantage, if a proper Building were procured, where they might (from the earliest period to the present time) be properly arranged.

Roden,
Auditor General.

Auditor General's Office,
15th February 1811.

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Account of some ancient Records.

An ACCOUNT of such of the most ancient and valuable Records as have been found in the course of the Researches of the Sub-Commissioners on the Auditor General's Office:—Returned to the Board of Public Records of Ireland, pursuant to an Order, dated 17th February 1812.

ROLLS:—A Roll, dated the first year of Edward the VIth, intituled, "Comp̃ om̃n & Singlõr Monĩor Abbiãr "Prior̃at Hospital Collegiõr et Domõr nup Religiõs ac Aliãr possess̃ et Hereditamẽnt quorc̃ũque tm̃ spũaliũ "qm̃ tempaliũ infra Regnũ 's Dñi Regis Hibñie in manibus ipĩus Dñi Regis," &c. &c.:—A Roll, dated 26th Elizabeth, intituled, "Honores, Dominia, Maneria, Castra, Terre, Teñta, Possẽssnes, Hereditamenta, &c. "in Provinc̃ Momonie infra Regnũ Hib̃nie, Serenissime Dñe nr̃e Regine Elizabeth devenientia, tam p "Escaetam ratione vel pretextu Rebellionis Geraldi nup Comit̃ Desmonie et alior̃ sceleratissimor̃ proditor̃ "cũ eo congregatorũ in provincia pred̃ quam forisfact̃ convictioñ, &c. &c."—A Roll of Bishops' and College Lands set on long Leases prior to 1641, with a complete Index:—A Roll, containing Abstracts of the Decrees of the Court of Claims, during the usurpation, with an Index.

BOOKS:—A Survey of attainted Lands in the County of Limerick, in the reign of Queen Elizabeth:—A Book of Inquisitions of the Earl of Desmond's Rebellion:—Several Rent Rolls of Crown Rents before the year 1641:—A Book, containing Orders of Parliament, 1647:—A Book, containing Orders of the Commissioners for Surveys in Ireland, vol. VIth, 1655:—A Book, containing Compositions of Protestant Delinquents, 1654:—A Book of Sir Charles Coote's Church Lands, 1655:—A Book of Enrolments of Bishops' Leases, in 1657:—A Book of Orders of the Court of Claims, 1661:—A Survey of part of the King's and Queen's Counties, and Longford.

Henry Harding.
J. Fowler.

Auditor General's Office,
6th March 1812.

Ancient Document.

Since the foregoing, two antient SCHEDULES or INVENTORIES of the Contents of this Office, have been found in the vast mass of miscellaneous and unsorted Papers in the Dome of the Four Courts; one of them, which appears to be very much injured by damp, has the following title, "A Schedule "indented, made the of October 1655, between Sir James Ware, Knight, of the one "part, and Robert Gorge, and Edward Roberts, Esquires, of the other part, of all the Records, "Rolls, Accompts, Books and other Writings delivered by the said Sir James Ware to the said "Robert Gorge and Edward Roberts, by order of his Highness the Lord Protector his Councell "for the Affayres of Ireland. Dated at the Castle of Dublin the 22d October 1655, which "Order is signed by Herbert, Esquire, Clerk of the Councell;" the other, which, although not signed, has every character of being as ancient as the date it bears;—and of which the following is a Copy:

A REPERTORY to ye Records, Bookes and Papers, in ye Office of His Majties Auditor Generall, as they are placed in ye yeare 1690.

In the Roome called ye Rolls:

Presses 1, 2, 3, 4.—One Roll or Acct in the reigne of King Edward ye Third:—Two Rolls of H. the VIII:—4 Rolls of Edward ye VI:—4 Rolls of Phil. and Mary:—44 yeares of Queene Elizabeth:—22 yeares of K. James:—15 yeares of K. Charles the first.

Presses 5, 6.—Books of Receipts and Payments delivered in by the Vice Tr̃ers, Clerks of the Pells, and Chamberlains, tempore Eliz. Jacobi, et Carol primi.

Presses 7, 8.—Vouchers to ye Vice Tr̃ers Accounts, tempor̃ Eliz. Jacobi, et Car̃ primi:—Bookes of Debentures:—Accounts of Tr̃ers at Warrs.

Presses 9, 10.—Accounts of the Clerkes of ye Ordnance; Victuallers Accounts, Clerke of ye Workes and Fortifications, Silver Mines, Hanap and First Fruites Accounts; Bookes, and Rolls of Subsids of Clergie and Layetie, &c.

Presses 11, 12.—Surveyes' Custome Accompts, ancient Accts of Crowne Lands, particulars tempore Jac̃. et Car̃ Prim̃:—Orders and Compositions tempore Car̃ prim̃ on the Commission for remedy of defective Titles.

Press 13.—Rolls and Bookes of ye Hanapr and First Fruites, delivered in tempore Elizth Jac̃. & Car̃ prim̃:—Bookes of Orders of ye Councell and Excheqr.

Press 14.—Books of Increments, Orders and Instruc̃cons, from Queene Elizth time to 1641:—Indentures of Composĩcon:—Books of Surveyes Com̃ Limericke, and a Booke of Value, Elizth.

Presses 15, 16.—Vouchers of Gagers, Collectrs Bookes in 1683:—Sheriffes Accompts before 1641, Sher̃ Constats:—Rentrolles in ye time of ye Usurpation.

Press 17.—Bookes of Accounts, and Vouchers of Customes and Excise, in the time of the Usurpac̃on.

Presses 18, 19, 20.—Bookes of the Tr̃ers Accompts, Rentrolles in the said time.

Press 21.—Bookes of Accompts of Customes and Excise, in the said time.

Under

Under ye Counters:

1.—Viewes of the Revenue, tempore Eliz^th^ Jac̃ et Car̃ prim̃.

2.—Tr̃ers Accompts, Comissaries Accompts, Collectors Accounts, &c. in the time of the Usurpation.

3.—Collectors of Quitt Rents and Composic̃on Rents, from 1661 to 1667, Bookes of Arreares and old Sups on Acc^ts^ tempore Jac̃ II. &c.:—An old Trunke with Fiants and Pattents, tempore Car̃ prim̃.

Closet.—An other old Trunke of Vouchers to Mr. Dodson's Account Custom̃.

In the Dining Room:

On large Presse, containing Vouchers to the Receiver Gener^ls^ Accompts for divers yeares since 1660; also the Ingrossed Accompts to

In ye Roome w^th^in ye Office:

Shelf 1.—Several Bookes of Valuac̃ons for the 49 Securitie in Corporation Townes.

Shelf 2.—Bookes of years value in 1659.

Shelves 3, 4.—Bookes of Quitt Rents payable by Advent^rs^ and Souldiers.

Shelves 5, 9.—Bookes of Patents, tempore H. VIII. Mar̃ & Eliz^th^.

Shelf 6.—Three Bookes of Certificates, 4 Bookes of Patents to transplanted Persons in Connaght and Clare, temp̃ Car̃ 2^d^.

Shelves 7, 8.—Eight Books of Certificates to Sould^rs^ & Advent^rs^.

Shelf 7.—Bookes of King's Letters & Lr̃es Patents, Car̃ 2^di^.

Shelf 8.—Six Bookes of Decrees to Innocent Papists temp̃ Car̃ 2.

Shelf 9.—Divers Bookes of Entryes of Patents tempore Jac̃ prim̃.

Shelf 10.—24 Bookes of Patents on ye Com̃ission of Grace for remedy of defective Titles, tempore Car̃ prim̃.

Shelf 11.—27 Bookes of Patents to Sould^rs^ et Advent^rs^ temp. Car̃ sc̃di.

Shelf 12.—5 Bookes of Deeds, &c. tempore Jac̃ & Car̃ primi:—Bookes of Letters & Patents for Offices and Estates, tempore p̃dc̃t:—7 Bookes of Patents for Connaght and Ulster, Car̃ primi.

Shelf 13.—Collectors Docquets and Books of Receipt of Quit Rents, Car̃ 2^di^.

Shelves 14, 15.—Vice Tr̃ers Accompts, tempore Car̃ sc̃di.

Shelf 16.—Vice Tr̃ers Books of Receipts and Payments, Car̃ 2^di^.

Shelf 17.—Pells and Chamberlens Books of Receipts, Car̃ 2^di^.

Shelf 18.—Farmers' Accompts, Car̃ 2^di^:—Com^rs^ of Tr̃ery Accompts, Car̃ sc̃di.

Shelf 19.—Books of Deeds and Contracts in ye time of ye Usurpac̃.

Shelf 20.—Bookes of Deeds, Assignements and Lr̃es of Attourny:—Orders of ye Councell and Court of Exchequer, Car̃ sc̃di.

Shelf 21.—Accounpts of ye Hanap. and First Fruits, since 1660.

Shelf 22.—Roll of Innocents, and Duplicate thereof.

Shelves 23, 24.—Viewes of the Revenue, 1639, 1640, 1641, 1642.

Over the Alphabett:

Collectors Accoumpts for 5 years, to Xm̃as 1687.

In the Alphabett:

Vouchers to Sheriffes' Accounts.

On the Table:

Six Bookes of Patents on ye Com̃ission of Grace, tempore Car̃ sc̃di & Jac̃ sc̃di.

In the Drawers under the Table:

In the Boxes; First, —Second; Particulars, tempore Car̃ sc̃di:—Third; Fourth; Books and Vouchers to Collector's Acc^ts^ Car̃ sc̃di.

Over ye Doore:

Estreates of Subsidies of ye Layetie, temp̃ Car̃ sc̃di.

In ye Office Roome:

In the Baggs on ye Upp Shelves:

Vouchers to pticular Receivers Accoumpts in ye time of ye Usurpac̃on.

Over the Closett Door and Chimney:

Custome-Books of ye Port of Dublin, and Hearth-mony Rolls; as also in ye Closett.

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In ye new Presse:

Vowchers for pay of the Arreares of ye Army, in ye Ld Ranelagh's time.

Over that Presse:

Books of Poll-mony.

Ancient Document.

Over the other Presses:

Receivers Books and Draughts in the time of ye Usurpacon.

In the other Presses:

Many Papers of divers kinds, as Vouchers to old Accoumpts, Certificates, Reports, Deficiencies of Subsidies, &c. for ye most part uselesse.

In the Boxes on ye Floore:

Vouchers to Receiver Genil's Accompts since 1660; the rest beinge in the greate Presse in ye Dininge Roome.

In the Seates:

Seat 1. The last Debentur Booke:—The new View of Leinster:—The Establishments:—Rent Rolls of Composition Rents in Connaught:—A Roll of Tax for First Fruites and Twentieth parts:—Some yearely Rent Rolls in 1658, 1659 and 1660:—Acquittances belonging to Collectors Accoumpts from 1683 to 1690:—Acquittances to the Farmers' Accoumpts:—Certaine Particulars, Certificates Rep^ts^ &c.—Some Comissions for taking Accompts.

Seat 2.—New Views of Munster;—A Booke of Pluslands.

Seat 3.—New Viewes of Connaght and Ulstere:—Old Debentur Bookes:—A Book of Church Lands in Connaght:—A Booke of Accompts of Composicon Rents before 1641.

Auditor Gen^ls^ Office,
5th September 1812.

Henry Harding.
J. Fowler.

Ancient Roll of Accounts.

The following Transcript of AN ANCIENT ROLL OF ACCOUNTS, has also been found in the DOME; and may be considered worthy of being added to this RETURN, as it is the only Roll as yet discovered in the Auditor General's possession of a date previous to the Reign of Henry VIII.

sunt ex illis Waleñs qui cū Frē Stephō Tuam Archiepō tūc Justic Hibn venunt de Walt in Hibn p VII £ : XIII S. p vadiis eoꝝdem sex Walleñs a pmo die Maii A° XXIII ultimā diem Sept̄ px̄ seq̄ videt p septies viginti et XIII Dies utroq; Die comp̄ quoꝝ quilibet capit p Diem II Đ. Eidem Joh̄i ad opus novē Waleñs pvisor̄ et substitūoꝝ p consiliū Regis Hibn p guerra Loco alioꝝ novē Waleñs inſcoꝝ qui cū pđco Justic venerūt de Wallia in Hibn p vadiis suis p idem tempus XI £ : IX S : VI D. quoꝝ quilibet capit p diem II Đ - - - - - - - Lib pđco Joh̄i ſs

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ſs. Prđco Joh̄i Magro pđcoꝝ sex Walleñs &c. VI £ : V S. p vadiis pđcoꝝ sex Walleñs a primo die Octob̄ anno XXIII° usq; diem pur̄ be Marie vid scdm Diem Febr̄ px̄ seq̄ vid p XX VI : V Dies utroq; Die comp̄ quoꝝ quilibet capit p diem II d Eidem Joh̄i XLI S : II D p vadiis suis ppis p idem tempus qui capit p diem IIII Đ. Eidem Joh̄i ad op^9^ Novem Walleñs substitutoꝝ p consiliū Regis in Hibn p guerra Loco alioꝝ Waleñs inſcoꝝ qui cū pđco Justic venerūt de Walt in Hibn p vadiis suis p idem temp^9^ IX £ : VII S : VI Đ. quoꝝ quilibet capit p diem II Đ. Lib pđco Joh̄i ſs. - -

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ſs. Rađo de Seytoñ ffri et Heredi Rr̄ de Seytoñ XXXIII : VI : VIII. de solucione uni^9^ .... continentis L m^r^ p Manio de Rathkon cū ptiñ jux^a^ Casselt in Com̄ Typer̄ de quo p cartam suam Regem ſeoffavit - - Lib eidem ſs. - -

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ſs. IN Liƀacionibꝫ & minutis ſeodis Ministroꝝ de Sccĩo & expeñs necessar̃ ꝑ LXVI Dies vđꝫ..... ab in cᵃstino Sc̃i Micħis Anno XXIIIᵉ usq̧ in cᵃstinū Sc̃e Lucie v̊gĩs ꝑx̃ seq̃ p̃mo Die & ultimo comp̃ videlᵗ

ſs. Duobꝰ cłicis sc̃bentibꝰ roĩlos comp̃ Sccĩi utroq̧ ꝑcipienĩ ꝑ diem V Đ. apto Sccĩo in officio illo ꝑ p̊đc̃m tempꝰ - - - - - - LXIII S : IIII Đ

ſs. Eisdem ꝑ Robis suis hoc Anno XL S.

ſs. Cłico Theš sc̃benti roĩlos & tałł ꝑcipienti ꝑ Diem V Đ apto Sccĩo in Officio illo ꝑ p̊đcm tempꝰ - - - - - - - XXXI S : VIII Đ.

ſs. Thom̃ de Lonđ Rememorator̃ ꝑcipienti ꝑ anñ C S in Officõ illo de ł̊ĩo p̊đco - - - - - - - - - - - - - XXV S.

ſs. Cłico sc̃benti sum̃ ꝑcipienti ꝑ anñ IIIIᵉʳ. mᵃr. in. officõ illo de p̊đco ł̊mĩo - - - - - - - - - - - - XIII S : IIII Đ.

ſs. .....ltõ Hostiario Sccĩi ꝑcipienti ꝑ diem III Đ. in officio illo de Dono Dñi Regis ꝑ p̊dc̃m tempꝰ XIX S. Eidem ꝑcipienti ꝑ anñ XX S de ſeodo Hostii Sccĩi de p̊dcõ T̊mĩo - - - - - - - - - - - - - V S.

ſs. ..... capellanis celebᵃntibꝫ Divina in capellis Casĩ Dubliñ & Sccĩi quoꝝ uł̊q̧ capit ꝑ anñ L S
ꝑ ſeodo suo. Et ꝑ cera II S ad q̃libet capellam de eodem T̊mĩo XXVI S - - - - - - - - ſs. Smᵃ XI £ : III S : IIII Đ.

ſs. Et ꝑ IX Duodeñ ꝑgameni IX S. Et ꝑ IX Duodeñ ꝑgam̃ IX S : VI Đ. p̊ł duođ XIIII Đ.

ſs. Et ꝑ Bagis bursis & Filaciis emptis ad roĩlos & tałł infᵃ ponenđ III S. IIII Đ

ſs. Et ꝑ XX Ulnis Linee tele ad ſorulos ad deñ infᵃ ponenđ II S. Et ꝑ XXX ſoruł inde ſac̃ et suenđ X Đ. Et in mundac̃õe Domoꝝ Baronū & Recepte IIII Đ oƀ Et in emendac̃õe uniꝰ serure I Đ. Et in discis empĩ ad deñ & ꝑsor̃ ſac̃ portagio uniꝰ tabule de castro usq̧ Sc̃m II Đ. Et ꝑ portag̃ Bagaꝝ et coffroꝝ de castro ad Sc̃m et reportanđ in ſine T̊mĩi ad castᵐ p̊đcm VI Đ. Et ꝑ incausto hoc T̊mino XII Đ. Et ꝑ portag̃ saccoꝝ et Billaꝝ pecũie de Sc̃io usq̧ castꝝ hoc T̊mino VIĐ. Et ꝑ saccis emptis ad domos Baronū & recepte III Đ - ſs. Smᵃ XXVIII S : V Đ. oƀ.

ſs. Smᵃ hujꝰ panelli XII £ : XI S: IX Đ. oƀ,

Smᵃ exituū de T̊mĩo Sc̃i Micħis CCLXVI £ : XI S : IX Đ. q̃ʳ.

ROTULUS Liƀationū et expensaꝝ necessar̃ de T̊mino Sc̃i Hillar̃ Anno R.R. Edwardi vicesimo quarto.

Feodum Theš Hiƀn. } ſs. Wiłło de Estdeñ Theš Hiƀn XX £. a ſesto Sc̃i Micħis Anno XXIIIᵒ usq̧ Paschā Anno XXIIIIᵗᵒ in ꝑtem soluc̃õis ſeodi sui XL £. quod ei concessit Dñs Rex sing̃lis Annis qᵃmdiu steł̊it in officio p̊dcõ - - - - - - - - - - - - Liƀ eidem - - ſs. Smᵃ XX £.

Mag̃ro Ađ de Bodingtoñ canc̃ Sccĩi Dubliñ C S. de ſeodo suo a ſesto Sc̃i Micħis Anno XXIII usq̧ Pasch̃ Ann XXIIIIᵗᵒ - - - - - Liƀ eidem - - ſs. Smᵃ C S.

Baroñ de Sc̃io. } ſs. David de Uſſingtoñ unĩ Baroñ de Sc̃io X mᵃr de ſeodo suo a Festo Sc̃i Micħis Anno XXIII usq̧ Pasch̃ Anno XXIIIIᵗᵒ - - - Liƀ eidem - ſs. Smᵃ VI £ : XIII S : IIII Đ.

ſs. Ric̃õ de Saham alł̊i Baroñ de Sc̃io p̊dc̃õ X mᵃr de Feodo suo ꝑ idem tempꝰ - - - - Liƀ eidē - - ſs. Smᵃ VI £ : XIII S : IIII Đ.

] mẽr sc̃ii Dublin. } ſs. Rađo de Stanes uni Camer̃ V mᵃr ꝑ idem tempꝰ in ꝑtem soluc̃õis X mᵃr qᵃs ꝑcipit sing̃lis annis in Officio illo - Liƀ eidem - - ſs. Smᵃ LXVI S : VIII Đ.

ſs. Wiłło de Menes alł̊i camer̃ V mᵃr̃ ꝑ idem tempꝰ - Liƀ eidem - - ſs. Smᵃ LXVI S : VIII Đ.

ſs. Joħi

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] castroꝝ de [} ſs. Joħi ſit Thom̃ nup custodi castroꝝ de Roscomman & Raundon XXV £ a Fõ oꝛ̃um sc̃oꝝ Anno R.R. E. XXIII° usq; ad Festum puꝛ̃ ƀe Marie ꝑx̃ seq̃ p XIII septim̃ in ꝑtem solõis ſeodi sui C £ quod ei concessit Dñs Rex singłis Annis ꝑcipienđ ꝑ custodia ꝓdc̃a qᵃdiu steꝛ̃it in officio ꝓdc̃õ. - - - - - - - - Liƀ Wiłło de Borne cłico suo - - ſs. Smᵃ XXV £.

Vadia Waleñs. } ſs. Joħi de Cestria Magr̃o sex Waleñs qui supstites sunt ex illis Walensibꝫ qui cũ Stepħo de Fuleburñ quondam Tuam̃ Archiep̃o tũc Justic̃ Hiƀn venerũt de Wallia in Hiƀn pro pace ibidem custodienda . . . LVII S ꝑ vadiis eoꝝdem sex Waleñs ab in cᵃstino Puꝛ̃ beate Marie Anno XXIIIIᵗᵒ usq; ad ultimũ diem Marcii ꝑx̃ seq̃ viđ p LVII Dies utroq; Die comp̃ quoꝝ quilibet capit p diem II Đ. Eidem Joħi ꝑ vadiis suis ꝑp̃is p idem tempꝰ XIX S. qui capit p diem IIII Đ. Eidem Joħi IIII £ : V S : VI Đ. ꝑ vadiis IX Waleñs p idem tempꝰ qui loco ꝓdcꝫ Waleñs nup supsistentiũ sunt p consiliũ Regis subrogati ꝑ pace custodienđ quoꝝ quilibet capit p diem II Đ - Liƀ eidem Joħi - ſs. Smᵃ VIII £ : XVIII Đ.

De Banco. } ſs. Roƀo Bagod cap̃ Justic̃ de Banco Dubliñ XX £. a Festo Sc̃i Micħis Anno r̃ r̃ E. XXIII° usq; Paschã Anno XXIIIIᵗᵒ in ꝑtem soluc̃õis ſeodi sui XL £. quod ei concessit Dñs Rex singłis Annis ꝑcipienđ qᵃmdiu steꝛ̃it in officio ꝓdc̃õ - - - Liƀ Wiłło de Moretoñ - - ſs. Smᵃ XX £.

Liƀaciones minuta Feoda Ministroꝝ de Scc̃io et Expens̃ necessar̃. } ſs. IN Liƀacionibꝫ & minutis ſeodis Ministroꝝ Scc̃ii Dubliñ et aliis minutis expens̃ necessar̃ p XXIX Dies videłᵗ ab in cᵃstino Sc̃i Hillar̃ XIIII° die Januar̃ usq; diem Sabƀi in cᵃstino Scolastice Virginis XI die Febr̃ pm̃o & ultimo comp̃ videlicet:

ſs. Duobꝰ cłicis sc̃bentibꝫ roˡᵒˢ comp̃ Scc̃ii utroq; ꝑcipienť ꝑ điem V Đ. apto Scc̃io XXIIII S : II Đ.

ſs. Cłico Thes̃ sc̃benti roˡᵒˢ et tałł ꝑcipienti p diem V Đ. apto Scc̃io p idem tempꝰ XII S : I Đ.

ſs. Thom̃ de Lonđ remem̃ ꝑcipienti p Anñ C S. ꝑ ſeodo suo de Tꝰmīo Sc̃i Hillar̃ XXV S.

ſs. Eidem ꝑ roba sua Anni XXIIIIᵗⁱ XIII S : IIII Đ.

ſs. Cłico sc̃benti sũm ꝑcipienti p Anñ IIII mᵃr in officio illo I mᵃr de ꝓdco ꝛmīo.

ſs. Walꝛo Hostiar̃ Scc̃ii ꝑcipienti p diem III Đ. de Dono Dñi Regis in officio illo a XVᵐᵒ die Decembr̃ usq; XI diem Feƀr ꝓđcm p LIX dies utroq; die comp̃ XIIII S : IX Đ.

ſs. Eidem ꝑcipienti p Annũ XX S. ꝑ ſeodo Hostii Scc̃ii V S. de ꝓdc̃õ ꝛmīo.

ſs. Duobꝫ capellanis celebrantibꝫ Divina in capełł casť et Scc̃ii utroq; ꝑcipiente p anñ L S. ꝑ ſeodo suo et ꝑ cera II S. ad qm̃libet capellam de ꝓđco ꝛmīo XXVI S, ſs. Sᵃ VI £ : XIII S : VIII Đ.

ſs. Et ꝑ XII duođ ꝑg̃i emptis hoc ꝛmīo XII S : VIII Đ. Et ꝑ ꝑgameno coreando II Đ.

ſs. Et ꝑ bursis et ſilaciis XVIII Đ. Et ꝑ X Ulnis Linee tele emptis ad ſorulos ad inſᵃ ponenđ denar̃ XV Đ. Et ꝑ V ſorulis inde ſacienđ V Đ.

ſs. Et ꝑ Litera ad Domos Baronũ et recepte V Đ. Et ꝑ quodam banco de bordis ſac̃ et Hostio repando V Đ. Et ꝑ portagio pecũie hoc ꝛmīo IX Đ.

ſs. Et ꝑ bagis et minutis coffris portanđ de castro in p̃ncipio hujꝰ ꝛmī et reportanđ ī ſine VI Đ.

ſs. Et ꝑ incausto hoc ꝛmīo XII Đ. Et cłicis nũantibꝫ pecũiam tam de XVᵃ qᵃ de aliis receptis ꝑ labore suo dĩ m̃ᵃr - - Smᵃ XXV S : VIII Đ. - Smᵃ hujꝰ panelli VII £ : XIX S : IIII Đ.

ſs. Walꝛo

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Expens̃ minute et cera empta. } ſs. Walt̃o Hostiario ꝑ divsis brevibꝫ Dñi Reg̃ et sum̃ portand̃ ad divsa loca Hib̃n et q'bꝫdam b̃ribꝫ de p̃dc̃is portand̃ in Angl̃ ad Regem ab in c'stino Sc̃i Mich̃is anno XXIII° usq; diem M̃cur̃ XXIII diem Febr̃ Anno XXIIII^to - - - XVIII S. X D. Eidem ꝑ sex libris viridis cere ad brevia et sum̃ sigillanđ IX S. - - - - - - Sm^a XXVII S : X D.

Vadia minatoꝝ. } ſs. Wilt̃o de Berham Finatori venienti Hib̃n cũ IIII^or minatoribꝫ deſer̃ Lr̃as Dñi Reg̃ ad minas querend̃ et opand̃ in ꝑtem solucõis vadioꝝ suoꝝ XXX S. - - - - - - - - - - - - - Sm^a XXX S.

ſs. Ric̃ó de Saham Baroni Scc̃ii eunti cũ p̃dc̃is affinatore et minatoribꝫ ap̃d Wal̃ford et Momoniã ad ponend̃ ipõs in ope minaꝝ et ad dist'ngend̃ collectores quintedecime pro pecũia levand̃ in subvenc̃oem expens̃ suaꝝ V m^ar. - Lib̃ eidem - Sm^a LXVI S : VIII D.

Sm^a exituũ de t̃mino Sc̃i Hillar̃ CXII £ : V S. : IIII D.

ſs. Sm^a totalis exituũ de t̃minis Sc̃oꝝ Mich̃is et Hillar̃ - - CCC LXXVIII £ : XVII S : I D. q^a.

ROTULUS Liber̃ et Expens̃ nec̃iaꝝ in t̃mino Pasche Anno R.R. Edwardi vicesimo quarto

Feod Canc̃ Hib̃n. } ſs. Magr̃o Thom̃ Cantock Canc̃ Hib̃n XX £. a Festo Pasch̃ Anno R.R. E. XXIIII^to usq; ad Festum Sc̃i Mich̃is ꝑx̃ sequẽs in ꝑpacac̃oem ſeodi sui XL £. quod ei concessit Dñs Rex singl̃is Annis ꝑcipiend̃ q^amdiu stet̃it in officio p̃dco - - - - - - - Lib̃ eidem - - Sm^a XX £.

Banco. } ſs. Thom̃ de Snyterby uni Justic̃ de Banco Dubliñ XX m^ar a Festo Sc̃i Mich̃is Anno R.R. E. XXIIII^to usq; ad Pasch̃ ꝑx̃ sequẽs in ꝑtem sol̃ois ſeodi sui XL m^ar quod ei ꝯcessit Dñs Rex singl̃is annis ꝑcipiend̃ q;^mdiu stet̃it in officio p̃dc̃ó - - - - - - Lib̃ eidem - - Sm^a XIII £ : VI S : VIII D.

Feod Baroñ de Scc̃io. } ſs. Ric̃ó de Saham uni Baroni de Scc̃io Dubliñ X m^ar ꝑ ſeodo suo a Festo Pasche Anno R.R. E. XXIIII^to usq; ad ſm Sc̃i Mich̃ ꝑx̃ sequẽs - - - - Lib̃ eidem ꝑ W. de Meones - - Sm^a VI £ : XIII S : IIII D.

ſs. David de Uffintoñ al̃ti Baroñ X m^ar ꝑ ſeodo suo ꝑ idem temp^9 - Sm^a VI £ : XIII S : IIII D.

Feod Narratoris Reg̃. } ſs. Joh̃i de Neyvile narratori Regis V m^ar a Festo Nat̃ b̃i Joh̃is Bapt̃ A° R.R. E. XXIII° usq; ad idem festum ꝑx̃ sequẽs ꝑ unũ annũ quas ei concessit Dñs Rex singl̃is Annis ꝑcipiend̃ ꝑ negociis Reg̃ ꝑsequend̃ & defendend̃ - - - - - - - Lib̃ Rađo de Stanes - - Sm^a LXVI S : VIII D.

ſs. Galſro de Gonevill X £. ꝑ duabꝫ bargiis ſac̃ ad victualia et maeremium et alia nec̃ia carianda ꝑ munic̃oe castroꝝ Dñi Regis in Connac̃ existenc̃ - - - - } Lib̃ J. Wogan ꝑ man^9 W. Karlien - - Sm^a X £.

Feod custod castroꝝ de Roscomman et Raundon. } ſs. Walt̃o de Ivecheen custod̃ castroꝝ de Roscomman et Raundoñ XXV £. a Fõ Pur̃ b̃e Marie ṽgĩs Anno R.R. E. XXIIII^to usq; ad Festum apl̃oꝝ Ph̃i et Jacobi ꝑx̃ seq̃ in ꝑte sol̃ois C £. quas ad Scc̃^am Dubliñ singl̃is Annis Dñs Rex solṽe consuevit pro custodia p̃dc̃a - - - - - - - - - - - Lib̃ eidem - - Sm^a XXV £.

Pro opibus et munic̃oe castroꝝ predcoꝝ. } ſs. Eidem Walt̃o X £. ad defes̃ castroꝝ de Roscom̃an et Raundoñ in ꝑte repand̃ et ad Balistas et armãtas in eisd̃ cast's ꝑ munic̃oe eord̃ ꝑvidend̃ - - - Lib̃ eidẽ et Rob̃ de Wottoñ - - Sm^a X £.

ſs. Joh̃i de Cestria Mag̃ro sex Waleñs qui supst̃es sunt ex illis Waleñs qui cũ Steph̃o de Fuleburñ quondam Tuam̃ Arcp̃o tũc Justic̃ Hib̃n ven̄unt de Wall̃ in Hib̃n ꝑ pace ibidem custod̃ XX S. ꝑ vad̃ eoꝝdem Walens̃ a p'mo die April̃ Anno XXIIII^to usq; ad XX diem mensis ejusd̃ ꝑx̃ seq̃ ꝑ XX dies utroq; die comp̃ quoꝝ quilibet capit ꝑ diem II D. Eidem Joh̃i ꝑ vadiis suis ꝑp'ris ꝑ idem temp^9 VI S : VIII D. qui capit ꝑ diem IIII D. Eidem Joh̃i XXX S. ꝑ vad̃ IX Waleñs ꝑ idem temp^9 qui loco p̃dcoꝝ Waleñs nup supsistentiũ sunt ꝑ consiliũ Reg̃ subrogati ꝑ pace ibidem custodiend̃ quoꝝ quilibet capit ꝑ diem II D. - - Lib̃ eidem Joh̃i - - Sm^a LVI S : VIII D.

ſs. Joh̃i

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Joħes fil Radi de Kilmehalloc p vinis Regis. } ſs. Joħi fil Rađi de Kilmehalloc M'catori CVIII £. eidem Joħi debit̃ ꝑ XII Doleis vini albi de Rino ab ip̃o capt̃ Londoñ ad opus Dñi Regis p manus Mathei de Colum bar̃ botellar̃ sui Anno R.R. E. XXIII p unam tałł int̃ ꝑdc̃os Joħem et Matħm confectam cont^a cundem Dñm Regem p br̃e sub sigillo p^ivato ip̃ius Dñi R. - - Lib eidem - - Sm^a CVIII £.

Liƀaciones & Minuta Feoda Ministroꝝ de Scc̃io & expens̃ necessar̃. } ſs. IN Liƀacionibꝫ & minutis Feodis Ministroꝝ Scc̃ii Dubłin & aliis minutis expens̃ necessar̃ ꝑ XLI dies videlꝫ ab in c^astino claũs Pascħ scđo die Aprił Anno R.R. E. XXIIII^to usqꝫ diem Sabƀi in vigił Pent̃ XII diem Maii ꝑx̃ seq̃ p^imo & ultimo die comp̃ videlicet:

ſs. Duobꝫ sc^ibis sc^ibentibꝫ Rotłos comp̃ Scc̃ii ꝑđci utroq; ꝑcipient̃ p diem V Đ apto Scc̃io XXXIIII S : II Đ. p ꝑđcm temp^9.

ſs. Cłico Thes̃ sc^ibenti Rotłos & Tałł ꝑcipienti p diem V Đ. apto Scc̃io p ꝑđcm Temp^9 XVII S : I Đ.

ſs. Henr̃ de Wallecoñ remem̃ ꝑcip̃ p annũ C S. ꝑ Feodo suo de hoc T^ꝰmīo XXV S

ſs. Cłico scribenti sum̃ ꝑcip̃ p anñ IIII^er m^ar in officio illo I m^ar de hoc ꝰmīo.

ſs. Walꝰo Hostiario ꝑcip̃ p diem III Đ. de dono R in officio illo a XII die Feƀr anno ꝑđco usq; vigił Pent̃ ꝑđcam videłꝫ XII diem Maii ꝑđcm p IIII^xx dies ut^oq; die comp̃ XXII S : VI Đ.

ſs. Eidem ꝑcipienti p Anñ XX S. ꝑ ſeodo Hostii Scc̃ii V S. hoc ꝰmino.

ſs. Duobꝫ Capełłis celebrantibꝫ divina in capełł cast^r & Scc̃ii utroq; ꝑcipient̃ p Anñ L S. ꝑ ſeodo suo, & ꝑ cera II S. ad q^amlibet capellam XXVI S. - Sm^a VII £ : III S : I Đ.

ſs. Et ꝑ XV duodeñ ꝑgameni ad rotłos et ƀria & sum̃ sc^ibenđ XVII S : VI Đ. ꝑꝰ duođ XIIII Đ.

ſs. Et ꝑ bursis & ſilaciis VI Đ. Et ꝑ lineo panno ad ſorulos ſac̃ ad deñ in-ſ^a ponenđ XII Đ. Et ꝑ ſtura eoꝝdem V Đ. Et ꝑ mūdac̃oe domoꝝ consilii Baroñ & recep̃t & stramine empto V đ. Et ꝑ portagio pecūie et billaꝝ hoc ꝰmīo XIIII đ. - - Sm^a XXI S. } - Sm^a Hj^9 panelli - VIII £ : IIII s̃ : I đ.

ſs. Sm^a exituū de ꝰmino Pasche CCXIIII £ : IX đ.

ROTULUS Liƀacionū & expeñs necc̃iaꝝ in T^ꝰmino Sc̃e Trinitatis Anno R.R. Eđ vicesimo quarto.

Feođ Cap Justic̃. } ſs. Joħi Wogan cap̃ Justic̃ Hiƀn CCL £. a ꝰcio die Decembr̃ anno R.R. E. XXIIII usq; ad p^imū diem Junii ꝑx̃ seq̃ videłꝫ p i Annū in ꝑtem soluc̃ois ſeodi sui Đ £. quod ei concessit Dñs Rex singłis annis ꝑcipienđ ad sc̃cm q^adiu steꝰit in officio ꝑdc̃o. - - - - Sm^a CCL £.

Feođ Walꝰi de la Haye teñ pla cap Justic̃. } ſs. Wałꝰo de la Haye teñ placita cap̃ Justic̃ XL £. a ſesto Nathał Dñi Anno R.R. E. XXIII. usq; ad idem ſestum Nathał Dñi ꝑx̃ seq̃ A^o R.R. E. XXIIII^to viđꝫ p unū annū integrum ꝑ ſeodo suo quod ei concessit Dñs Rex singłis annis q^adiu steꝰit in offic̃o pređco - - - Lib eidem - Sm^a XL £.

ſs. Roƀo

Feod cap̃ Justī de Banco } ſs. Robo Bagod cap̃ Justic̃ de Banco Dubliñ XX £. a feſto Paſch̃ anno R.R. E. ꝟXXIIII^to^ usq; ad ſm̃ ſcī Mich̃is p̄x ſeq̃ in ꝓpacac̃oem feodi ſui XL £. quod ei conceſſit Dñs Rex ſinguł annis q;^s^diu ſtet̄it in officio p̄dco. - - - Lib̃ Ric̃o de Burgo valletto ſuo - Sm^a^ XX £.

Feod alt̄ius Justī de Banco. } ſs. Thom̃ de Snyt̄by alt̄i Justic̃ de Banco p̄dco XX m^r^ a feſto Paſch̃ Anno R.R. E. XXIIII^to^ usq; ad ſm̃ ſ̃ci Mich̃is p̄x ſeq̃ in ꝓpacac̃oem feodi ſui XL m^r^... quod ei ꝯcessit Dñs Rex ſing̃lis Annis q;^s^diu ſtet̄it in officio p̄dco - - - - - Lib̃ eidem - - Sm^a^ XIII £: VI S: VIII D.

Feod clicoꝝ de Banco. } ſs. Joh̃i de Ideshale & Joh̃i de Fresinfield L S. p̄ custod̄ Breviū & Rotuloꝝ Reg̃ de Banco Dubliñ a feſto Paſch̃ Anno R.R. E. XXIIII^to^ usq; ad feſtum ſ̃ci Mich̃ p̄x ſeq̃ - - - Lib̃ eisdem - Sm^a^ L S.

Elemoſ. } ſs. Abb̃i ſ̃ci Thom̃ Martiris jux^a^ Dubliñ X m^r^ a feſto Paſch̃ anno R.R. E. XXIIII^to^ usq; ad ſm̃ ſ̃ci Mich̃ p̄x ſeq̃ in ꝓpacac̃oem XX m^r^ quas pcipe debet ſingulis Annis de Elemoĩa Regis conſtituta - - - - - - - Lib̃ Will̃o de Estdeñ - - Sm^a^ VI £: XIII S: IIII d.

Feod Theſ Hib̃n. } ſs. Will̃o de Estdeñ Theſ Hib̃n XX £. a feſto Paſch̃ a^o^ XXIIII^to^ usq; ad ſm̃ ſ̃ci Mich̃ p̄x ſeq̃ in ꝓpacac̃oem feodi ſui XL £. quod ei conceſſit Dñs Rex ſinguł Annis q;^s^diu ſtet̄it in officio p̄dco - - - - - - - - - - - Lib̃ Joh̃i Paramurs - - Sm^a^ XX £.

Feod canc̃ Scc̃i. } ſs. Magr̃o Ad̃ de Bodington canc̃ Sc̃ii Dubliñ C S. de feodo ſuo a ſ̃o Paſch̃ A^o^ XXIIII^to^ usq; ad ſm̃ ſ̃ci Mich̃is p̄x ſeq̃ - - - } Lib̃ eidem - - - - Sm^a^ C S.

Feod Camer̃. { ſs. Rad̃o de Stanes uni Camer̃ V m^r^ p̄ idem temp^o^ in ꝓpacac̃oem feodi ſui X m^r^ quas pcipit ſing̃lis annis in officio illo - Lib̃ eidem - - Sm^a^ LXVI S: VIII d.

ſs. Will̃o de Meones alt̄i Camer̃ V m^r^ p̄ idem temp^o^ in ꝓpacac̃oem feodi ſui X m^r^ quas pcipit ſinguł Annis in officio illo - Lib̃ eidem - - Sm^a^ LXVI S: VIII d.

Feod custod̄ casīz de Roscom̃an & Raundōn. } ſs. Walt̄o de Juethorn custodi Castroꝝ de Roscom̃an et Raundoñ XXV £. a feſto Aꝑloꝝ Ph̃i & Jacobi Anno XXIIII^to^ usq; ad ſm̃ Invenc̃ois ſ̃ci Steph̃i ꝑthomartiris p̄x ſeq̃ videt̄ꝫ p̄ unū q;^r^t̄ Anni in ꝑtem soluc̃ois C £. quas Dñs Rex ad Scc̃m Dubliñ ſinguł Annis solt̄e ꝯsuevit p̄ custod̄ p̄dca - - - - - - - - Lib̃ eidem - - - Sm^a^ XXV £.

Feod conſt̄ casī de Adlon. } ſs. Galf̃ro de Genevil conſt̄ casī de Adlon XL £. a XII die Maii anno R.R. E. XXIII° quo die custodiam p̄dcam recepit usq; ad XII diem Maii p̄x ſeq̃ p̄ unū Annū integrum p̄ feodo ſuo quod ei concessit Dñs Rex ſing̃lis Annis q;^s^mdiu ſtet̄it in officio p̄dc̃o Inde Lib̃ Ric̃o de Repenteny capellano ſuo X £. Et p̄ manus Thom̃ ſīt Alveredi XXX £. - - - - - - Sm^a^ XL £.

Vad Walenſ. } ſs. Joh̃i de Cestria Magr̃o XIIII Walenſ qui ven̄unt de Walt̄ in Hib̃n p̄ pace ibidem custod̄ XVIII £. XVIII S. p̄ vad̄ eoꝝdem Walenſ comoranciū apud novū cast^m^ M^c^Kynegan et alibi in Lagenia p̄ terris Dñi Reg̃ salvand̄ a XXI° die Aprīt anno R.R. E. XXIIII^to^ usq; ad ſm̃ ſ̃ci Mich̃is p̄x ſeq̃ p̄ CLXII dies utroq; die comp̃ quoꝝ quilibet capit p̄ diem II d. Eidem Joh̃i p̄ vadiis suis pp̄is p̄ idem temp^o^ LIIII S. qui capit p̄ diem IIII d. - - Lib̃ eidem - - - Sm^a^ XXI £. XII S.

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Liḃaciones & Minuta feoda Ministroꝝ de Scc̃io et expenš necessar̃.

ſs. IN Liḃacionibꝫ & minutis ſeodis Ministroꝝ Scc̃ii & Aliis expenš necessar̃ p LXII dies videlꝫ ab octaḃ sc̃i Trinitat̃is XXVIII die Maii usq; diem Sabḃi p̃x p̃t ſm̃ sc̃i Jacobi Ap̃li XXVIII diem Jul̃ p̃x seq̃ utroq; die comp̃ videlicet:

ſs. Duobꝫ clicis scribent̃ ro^los comp̃ scc̃ii utroq; pcipiente p diem V đ. apto Scc̃io LI S : VIII đ.

ſs. Clco Theš scribenti ro^los & tal̃ pcipient̃ p diem V đ. apto Sc^cio XXV S : X đ.

ſs. Henr̃ de Waletoñ Rememor̃ pcipienti p Anñ C S. p ſeodo suo de hoc ꝑmīo XXV S.

ſs. Walꝑo Hostiar̃ Scc̃ii pcipienti p diem III đ. in officio illo de dono Regis a die penŧ vidꝫ XIII die Maii usq; diem Sabḃi p̄đcm XXVIII diem Jul̃ p LXXVII dies XIX S : III đ.

ſs. Eidem pcipienti p Annū XX S. p ſeodo suo de Hostio Scc̃ii de hoc ꝑmīo - - V S.

ſs. Clico sc^ibenti sum̃ pcipienti p anñ IIII^or m^r p ſeodo suo de hoc ꝑmīo I m^r.

ſs. Duobꝫ capellanis celebrantibꝫ divina in capell̃ cast^r Dubliñ & Scc̃ii quoꝝ uꝝ capit p Annū L S. p ſeodo suo. & p cera II S. ad q^mlibet capellam de hoc ꝑio XXVI S. - - - - - - Sm^a VIII £ : VI S. : I đ.

ſs. Pro XVIII duođ pḡi empt̃ ad ro^los comp̃ magni Scc̃ii & recepte br̃ia et sum̃ hoc ꝑmino XXI S p̄ꝑ duođ XIIII đ. Et p XVIII ulnis linee tele empt̃ ad ſorulos ad infra ponend̃ deñ XXII đ. ob̃. Et p ſcura eoꝝdem foruloꝝ VIII đ. Et p bagis bursis & filaciis emptis III S : I đ. Et p juncis emptis ad domos Baronū & recepte & consilii & mūdacione domoꝝ eoꝝdem VIII đ. Et p repac̃oe unius ciste cū ſerrura III đ. Et p portag̃ coffroꝝ rotuloꝝ billaꝝ et deñ ad cast^m IX đ. Et p inchausto empto hoc ꝑmīo XII đ. Joh̃i de Wynton capellano numꝺanti deñ in ꝑmīs Pasch̃ & T'nitatis đi m^r - - Sm^a XXXV S : XI đ. ob̃. - - - - - - Sm^a hj^o panelli X £ : II S. ob̃.

Walꝑo Hostiario p sum̃ & brevibꝫ portand̃ diꝑsis magnatibꝫ Señ Vic̃ & aliis p diꝑsa loca Hiḃn p debitis Dñi Regis levand̃ et aliis negociis suis expediend̃ ab in c^stino Clauš Pasch̃ sc̃do die Apr̃l Anno R. R. E. XXIIII^to usq; festum s̃ci Petr̃ ad vincula p̃x seq̃ XIX S : VI đ. Eidem p cera empt̃ ad p̄đca sum̃ & brevia sigillanda XI S : IIII đ. - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Sm^a XXX S : X đ.

Sm^a CCCC LXII £ : VIII S : II đ.

ROTULUS Liberacionū & expenš necessar̃ pro gwerra Scocie.

Pro gwerra Scocie.

ſs. Thom̃ de Snyterbi assignato ad vadia magnatum & alioꝝ p̄ſiciscenciū in expedic̃oem Dñi Regis ꝗsus ꝑtes Scocie solvend̃ & alia faciend̃ que eidem expedic̃oi sunt necessar̃ M £. p eisdem vadiis solvend̃ & aliis faciend̃ - Liḃ eidem - - Sm^a M £.

[ſs. Ei]dem Thom̃ assignato ad p̄đca negocia fac̃ p aliud ḃre D £. - Liḃ eidem - - Sm^a D £.

ſs. Eidem Thom̃ Assignato ad p̄đca negocia fac̃ p ꝑciū ḃre M. D £. - Liḃ eidem - Sm^a M. D £.

ſs. Eidem Thom̃ Assignato ad p̄dc̃a negocia fac̃ tam in Hiḃn q^a Scocia & alibi de deñ ꝑvenientibꝫ de bonis Mꝑcatoꝝ & alioꝝ de Đnio & potestate Reg̃ Francie p p̄ceptum ip̃ius Dñi Regis vend̃ in terra Hiḃn CCC LX £. - - Liḃ eidem - - Sm^a CCCLX £.

ſs. Eidem Thom̃ assignato ad p̄dc̃a negocia fac̃ tam in Hiḃn q^a Scocia & alibi M. D £. quos p p̄ceptum Dñi Regis nup recepim^o de pecūia decime nup in subsidiū terre sc̃e a clero Hiḃn concesse p manus Mag̃ri Will̃i de Wasscheburn & Nic̃i de Chiltenham pcur̃ venabil̃ p̃ris Thom̃ Mid Ep̃i & Mag̃ri Thom̃ de Chaddesworth Decani Ecc̃ie s̃ci Pat'cii Dubliñ p'ncipaliū collectoꝝ decime sup^adc̃e. - - - - - - - - - - Liḃ eidem - - Sm^a M. D £.

ſs. Eidem

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ſs. Eidem Thom̃ Assignato ad p̃dc̃a negocia ſac̃ CLIIII £ : XIII S : IIII đ. de deñ ꝑvenientibꝫ de bonis M̃catoꝝ & alioꝝ exᵃneoꝝ de dñio & potestate Regis Franc̃ p p̃ceptum Dñi Regis venditis. - - - - Lib̃ eidem - - Smᵃ CLIIII £ : XIII S : IIII d.

£. £. £. £. £.
Smᵃ M. M. M. M. M. XIIII £ : XIII S : IIII đ.

ſs. Ric̃ō de Saham & Ric̃ō Taſ euntiū in Ultoñ ad examinand̃ colleccionem et receptionem XVᵐᶜ in ꝑtibꝫ illis in subvenc̃oem exp̃ suoꝝ XL S. - - Lib̃ eisdem.

Empcio bladi. } ſs. In Frumento Aveñ & braš & cepo empto ꝑ mandatum Dñi Regis ad castra sua de Cōwey Herdelach̃ Crukyn Beaumareis et Carnarvan munienda et miss̃ ibidem sex navibꝰ et in gᵃnariis frettis et illuc adhuc necessariis sicut ꝯtinetʳ rotulo de ꝑticulis CCIIII. XX X £ : IIII S : II D. qᵃ.

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Smᵃ CC. IIII. XII £ : IIII S : II Đ. qᵃ.

£. £. £. £. £.
Smᵃ hujꝰ ꝯmini Sc̃e Tñitatis M. M. M. M. M. D. CC. L. X.

£.
M XX
Smᵃ ꝯminoꝝ Pasche & Trinitatis V. D. CCCC. IIII.

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Smᵃ exituū tocius Anni VI. CCCLXII £ : III S : VII Đ.

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41. CLERK OF THE PELLS.

SIR, Dublin, 21st March 1811.

41. Clerk of the Pells.

I HAVE had the honour of receiving your Letter of the 28th ultimo, and one also of a much earlier date, but both on the subject of, and requiring (in the name of the Commissioners on the Public Records in Ireland) Returns relative to the Records in the Office of the Clerk of the Pells.

I would most certainly have answered these requisitions much sooner, but have hitherto been prevented by severe illness, which has confined me almost wholly to my bed for a tedious length of time, and rendered it impossible for me to use a pen, or even to take any species of business into contemplation.

I avail myself now, however, of a momentary gleam of returning strength, to reply to your Letter, and for that purpose am placed beside my bed (a matter of considerable difficulty and distress to me) and beg leave to state, for the information of the Commissioners, That the only Records in the department of the Clerk of the Pells, are the Receipts and Issues of His Majesty's Exchequer, both of which it is his duty to superintend and control.

I have the honour to be, &c.

Wᵐ Shaw Mason, Esq. &c. &c.

H. Standish.

Additional Return from the Clerk of the Pells.

Treasury Buildings, 31st October 1812.

IT does not appear, on investigation and inquiry, that any further material information can be given, in addition to that already furnished by the late Deputy Clerk of the Pells; who from length of service must be supposed to have had a more competent knowledge of the subject than any other individual.

In fact, the only Books of any apparent consequence, if they can be distinguished or classed under the head of Records, in the Pells department, are those containing or comprising Accounts or Entries of the Receipts and Issues of His Majesty's Exchequer in Ireland.

The original Vouchers or Warrants (from whence Copies or Abstracts are made) are ultimately lodged in the Auditor General's Office, where it is understood the principal Books and Papers in the Treasury Department (coming under the description or denomination of Records) are also kept and deposited.

With respect to the Duties, and other Particulars relative to the Department of the Pells, they are detailed in Evidence given, and Reports made, to the Commissioners of Inquiry.

W. Jenkins,
Deputy Clerk of the Pells.

To Wᵐ Shaw Mason, Esq. &c. &c. &c.

APPENDIX.

Exchequer: Of Receipt.

42. Teller.

42. TELLER.

SIR, Treasury Chambers, 30th October 1812.

IN answer to your Circular Letter, containing QUERIES from the Commissioners on the Public Records of Ireland, and directed to me, as Deputy Teller of the Exchequer, I beg leave to state, that there are not in my custody any Public Records, or other Documents mentioned in the Queries transmitted, excepting Counter Cash and Abstract Books; a Collection of which, from an early period, are deposited in presses in this Office; but we do not consider them Public Records. Such of them as are now in use in the Office, are in a good state of preservation; and I have nothing further to observe upon, beyond what is contained in this Answer.

I have the honour to be, Sir, &c.

Arthur Hume,
Dep^{y} Teller Exchequer.

To Wm Shaw Mason, Esq.
Secretary Board of Public Records.

43. Chamberlain.

43. CHAMBERLAIN.

SIR, 37 Hardwicke-street, 25th March 1811.

I HAVE to acquaint you, in reply to your communication of the 28th ultimo, that the Duties of the Office of Chief Chamberlain of the Exchequer, held by me, were abolished under Mr. Forbes's Responsibility Bill, in the year 1795; and that no Records were ever deposited in my care.

I have the honour to be, Sir, &c.

Wm H. Palmer.

Wm Shaw Mason, Esq.
&c. &c. &c.

(2.) *Of Account; Revenue Side.*

* *Note below.*

44. LORD TREASURER'S REMEMBRANCER.*

The ANSWERS of the LORD TREASURER'S REMEMBRANCER of His Majesty's Court of Exchequer, his Deputy, and the Secondaries in the Office of the Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer, to the several QUERIES they have been furnished with, by Order of the Right Honourable the Commissioners of Public Records.

44. Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer.

THE Public Records, Rolls, Instruments, Manuscript Books and Papers, in said Office, are, (first,) Enrolments of the Pleadings and Proceedings, with the Judgments given by the Court thereon, which are called the *Communia*, and which we find to commence in the year 1606, and which are continued down to the year 1746; but it must be observed, that it is found that in several years during this period, there are three, four, and five Rolls in each year, and in other years but one, and for several years no Roll whatever; but as they seem to have been carefully preserved and labeled, these apparent wants or chasms may be reasonably attributed to no such Proceedings having occurred in the several years in which deficiencies or wants appear.—These Rolls are all bound up in Parchment covers, and indorsed and labeled.

The *Originalia* of Process, called the Schedules of Nils from the Pipe, containing the Original of Process, transmitted from the Pipe Office, to be issued in the process of the Second Remembrancer, called the Prerogative Process. These are found to be regular, from the year 1676 down to the present time, and are contained in Rolls of each year's transmission, regularly indorsed and labeled.

The several Returns of Process which had issued from this Office to the several Sheriffs, grounded on the foregoing Pipe Schedule of Nils, and which have been accounted on by said Sheriffs, and returned into said Office, from the year 1721 down to the present time.

Files of *Pleadings* of every description relating to that branch of the Proceedings of said Office, commencing in the year 1612, and coming down to the present time. These are kept in bundles, folded up in parchment covers, tied, indorsed and labeled.

Schedules of Assistance, with Affidavits annexed, which have been brought into and filed in said Office, to ground Writs of Assistance granted by the Court to Sheriffs after accounting, to enable them to levy such Sums as they had been charged with upon their so accounting, and which they had when in Office neglected to enforce or levy. These are kept in bundles, covered with parchment, indorsed and labeled; and are complete from the year 1708, down to the present time.

Certificates returned yearly from Corporate Towns and Cities, of the election, appointment and swearing into office, of Mayors, Sheriffs and Bailiffs. These are kept in bundles, covered with parchment, endorsed and labeled, commencing in the year 1612, and from thence to the year 1748 seem to be imperfect; those from the year 1748, down to the present time, are complete. Books or Registries thereof from said year 1748 are kept, and which Books are also complete.

One Class of Records in this Office will be best given under the head *Miscellaneous*; and is as follows:—A Roll of Exchequer Accompts, from 6th to the 10th of Henry the IVth inclusive:—A Roll, containing the whole

* Since the subsequent sheets were printed off, an interesting Roll of the 16 of Henry the Third, has been discovered; and as it is the remains of the most ancient Roll as yet found in Ireland, it is subjoined, at page 317 infra, by way of ADDENDA to these Returns.

whole Receipts of the Exchequer for the entire of the 30th year of Edward the first:—Two Rolls, the Compotus of the 44th and 45th, and of the 45th and 46th years of Henry III.:—Returns of Arrears of Quit Rent for the years 1659, 1661, 1665, 1666, 1674, 1695, 1697, and 1700:—A Roll containing the enrolment of Leases, granted by King James, in the year 1606:—A Roll containing the particulars of Alexander M'Donnell's Lands in the Barony of Galway, in the year 1663:—A Roll containing Issues from the Pleas Office, in the year 1695 and 1707:—Sheriffs' Warrants, and Sub-sheriffs' Recognizances, in the years 1711, 1712 and 1713:—Enrolments of Kings' Letters and Lord Lieutenants' Warrants from the year 1695 to 1707, also Lord Lieutenants from the year 1788 to the present time:—Inquisitions of various kinds, in the years 1605, 1612, 1615, 1625, 1635, 1674, 1677, 1681, 1692, 1693, 1694, 1696, 1698 and 1798:—The Record of the Plea of the Mayor and Sheriffs of the Town of Galway, in 1707:—Particulars of Lands forfeited, 1641, 1664, and 1665:—Record of Lord Gormanstown, 1701:—The like of Lord Antrim, 1702:—Inquisitions on Pipe process, from 1762 to the present time:—Writs of Seizure and Inquisitions, from 1763 to the present time.

Enrolments of Patents, from the year 1604, down to the year 1713: These are not regular for each year, there being many years in which none appear; which may have arisen from no such Enrolments occurring in said years; if otherwise, it would be difficult at this day to say what has become of them, none such having been in this Office since the coming into office of the present Deputies and Secondaries.

Estreats of Outlawries and Inquisitions, returned into this Court from the Court of Common Pleas, to which are annexed Estreats of Inquisitions upon Writs of Levari Facias, occasionally returned into the Court of Exchequer from the Court of King's Bench; the first, namely, the Estreats of Outlawries are uniform and regular from the year 1685 down to the present time; the latter, namely, the Estreats of Inquisitions from the other Courts occurring but seldom are annexed to the Files of the Estreats of Outlawries, as of the Term in which they are brought in, the whole are contained in Rolls covered with parchment, regularly indorsed, and kept in Presses set apart for that purpose in said Office.

The Orders of the Court, previously to the present system of entering them in Books, were kept in Bundles, with the Documents on which each Order was founded annexed; and it would seem as if this was the method formerly used of preserving the original Orders and Documents. These Bundles of Orders are from the year 1660, down to the year 1760, and are carefully tied up, labelled, and kept in a Press made convenient and suitable to the purpose.—The Documents, on which Orders of this description are now conceived, are classed, kept on distinct Files, folded up and labeled, and arranged in suitable Presses.

Files of Inquisitions, founded upon Custodiams; these are tied up in yearly and half yearly Bundles, indorsed and labeled, and are regular from the year 1729 down to the present time, and are kept in Presses made convenient for and suitable to the purpose.

Files of Affidavits upon which motions and other proceedings have been founded; they are regular from the year 1679 down to the present time, and are tied up in yearly or half-yearly Bundles, covered with parchment, labelled, and kept in Presses made convenient for and suitable to the purpose.

Files of Notices, with Affidavits of service thereof, from the year 1775 down to the present time; these are tied up in Bundles, covered with parchment, with their dates regularly indorsed thereon, and in like manner kept in Presses made convenient for and suitable to the purpose.

Files of Reports, made by His Majesty's Auditor and Attorney General, and by the Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer and other Officers, upon Orders of Reference made by the Court; these are from the year 1690 down to the present time, and are folded up in Bundles, covered with parchment, with the periods of each indorsed thereon, and in like manner kept in Presses convenient for and suitable to the purpose.

There are in this Office several other Files of Documents, on which Proceedings and Orders of the Court have been founded, such as Consents, Certificates, Charges and Discharges; which are carefully preserved, and from time to time tied up in Bundles, and covered with parchment; the periods of each Bundle indorsed, and in like manner kept in Presses convenient for and suitable to the purpose.

Petitions, which from time to time have been presented to the Commissioners of Reducements to remit or reduce Fines and Recognizances, with the Orders made by the said Commissioners thereon. These are from the year 1692 down to the present time, made up in yearly Bundles, labeled and kept in Presses.

Petitions to the Court of Exchequer to discharge Arrears of Quit Rent, and for various Regulations of His Majesty's Quit and Crown Rents. These are from the year 1770 down to the present time, made up in Bundles, with labels thereon stating their periods, and kept in Presses.

The Books in this Office are of various descriptions, some of them very ancient and difficult to be read; and an endeavour is herein made to give the best description of them in our power; viz. A Book, containing Entries of Lands and Wards in the year 1592.—A Cover, containing several sheets or leaves of Books relative to the Accounts of different Sheriffs, in and previous to the year 1625.—Several Books of Judgments, of various kinds, but irregularly entered, from the year 1603 to 1640.—Several Books, containing Entries of Lands liable to Fines for homage, from the year 1606 to 1638.—Four Books, containing Entries of Kings' Letters, Lord Lieutenants' Warrants, and Orders of Council, from the year 1605 to 1663.—Fourteen Books, concerning an Account of the lapse Money, with an Order, dated 26th February 1702, first of Queen Anne, striking same out of charge.—A Book, containing the Report of the Clerk of the Pipe on James Duke of York's Custodiams, dated 13th November 1767.—Several Books, containing Entries of Orders of the Court of

Exchequer, from the year 1609 to 1699.—A Book, containing Entries of Warrants, Orders, and Letters, from the Lord Protector to his Commissioners in Ireland, from 1658 to 1660; and Entries of Acknowledgments, and Confessions of different Persons to the Lord Protector, during that period.—A Book, containing an Account of the Bishops' Rents, delivered to the Lord Protector, ending Easter 1655.—A Book, containing an Account of the Fee Farm Rents due to the Lord Protector, ending Easter 1656.—The Certificate of the Auditor General of Arrears of Quit and Crown Rent, due at Michaelmas 1676.—A Cover, containing a List of the Earl of Clanrickard's Lands liable to Composition Rent, in the year 1674.—A Cover, containing the Accounts of the Collectors of the County and City of Kilkenny, and County of Wexford, for the year 1685.—These Books do not seem to have due care taken of them formerly; but since they have come into the custody of the present Officers, they have been all labeled, and the utmost care taken to preserve them.

The others, not so ancient, and more uniform, are the Rule Books, containing the Notes or Registry of the Proceedings of the Court, and are, from the year 1570 down to the present time, kept in Presses proper and suitable; and each Book labeled on the back, with its description and period. These Books are imperfect down to the year 1699, but from that period to the present are perfect and in good order.

Also, Books containing Entries at full length of the Orders from time to time made out, founded on the Rules before mentioned. These, from the year 1570 down to the year 1699, are irregular and imperfect, several years being deficient; and it is supposed that the Bundles of Orders herein-before mentioned, in some measure supply this deficiency, but from the year 1699 down to the present time they are perfect.

Those of the description of Absolute or Decretal Orders, are signed by the Lord Chief Baron for the time being: the others are of the description of Conditional Orders, and are not so signed. These Books are in good Preservation, regularly ranged in Presses, with a label on the back of each, giving its description and date. In the year 1775, an arrangement was made, by which, instead of entering the Decretal or Absolute Orders of the Court in one Book, as theretofore, they were divided into three distinct Classes; first, The General Absolute Orders; secondly, Orders for Custodiams; and thirdly, Orders on Inquisitions: and in this manner, these Orders have continued to be entered from that period to the present time.

The Statute Measures are deposited in this Office. They are composed of brass, and consist of the Barrel, Half Barrel, Bushel, and Peck. There is stamped on them, "7th year of William the third, 1696." They are in good Preservation, and are supposed to have been lodged in this Office about that period.

This Office is held, and the foregoing Records lodged, in a part of the public Buildings adjoining the Four Courts; the Security of them may be good, but the Rooms assigned to the accommodation and keeping thereof, are quite insufficient in respect to compass and accommodation; an additional Room being absolutely necessary, where all the Records of this Office, in general use, should be collected together, and where one of the Secondaries should, at all times during Office Hours, remain to see that no improper use is made by the various Persons who must necessarily be allowed access to the most of them. At present, they are obliged to be very much dispersed in the two Rooms given to this Department; one of which Rooms being allowed to the Deputy, it often occurs that he is interrupted by persons making Searches, whilst at other times such persons are obliged to be admitted to make Searches unattended by the Secondaries. The Records are, however, kept in the best manner possible, under such circumstances, arranged in Presses erected in said two Rooms.

There is a Repertory to the foregoing Records of the Class of Communia, from the year 1628 down to the year 1686:—Also, Repertories of all Enrolments and Pleadings, from the year 1762 to the present time; both complete and in good Preservation; and all the modern Books in this Office, as before stated, are regularly indorsed, and in good order. But we have not found in the Office any Repertory to the several Inquisitions Enrolments of Patents, and Kings' Letters; which, though seldom resorted to, have, in some recent instances, been found of much importance. The whole of this Class are in Latin, written in court hand, and very difficult at this day to be read: we therefore conceive it might be of importance to the Public, to have these Records carefully examined, and a Repertory made thereto, which would aid the Officers in any Searches that may be required, and be of much service to the Public. We also beg leave to observe, that at present, there are Indexes of the Names of the Parties only, in the Books of Orders for Grants in Custodiam; whereas, if a Registry was made of the several denominations of Lands contained in such Orders, it would be of great convenience to the Public, and save much of the time of the Court, as also many of the Practitioners from incurring contempts by bringing ejectments, and taking other proceedings, thereby interfering with the rights of the Crown; it sometimes having happened, that from the want of knowledge of the names of the Parties or Persons who lately had, or might formerly have had interests in such Lands so in the hands of the Crown, it was found extremely difficult to avoid committing such Contempts; which has subjected the Practitioners to be attached, the Parties put to considerable expense, and the great inconvenience of all their Proceedings being vacated; but it would be attended with considerable trouble, labour and expense, to make such a Registry, perhaps far beyond the advantage that might arise therefrom to the Office. We do not know of any such Registry existing elsewhere, or whether any Catalogues or Indexes, relative to this Office, exist elsewhere.

The Deputies to the Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer, and Secondaries in the said Office, have the custody of the several Records, Books and Documents, before stated; whose duty it is to preserve and arrange them; and their hours of attendance are generally from eleven until four, and from seven until nine in the afternoon.

The Clerks of said Deputies and Secondaries are necessarily taken into such care and arrangement thereof, but no annual Salary is particularly allowed to any of them for the purpose.

The FEES demandable for a Search in said Office are three shillings and four-pence; and if the Search is for many years back, then for every Term four-pence; and when such Searches are called for, it is the duty of the Secondaries in the Office to make them. It seldom happening that such Searches are called for, no regular Account has been kept; therefore the Average cannot be struck of the Fees arising therefrom for the last three years. And there is no Fee demandable for attendance with any of the Records of this Office.

The Care of the said Records is not particularly intrusted to any one particular Person; but it is the special duty of the Secondaries to attend thereto, and to take care that they are restored to their respective places after Searches made therein; and the present Secondaries are particularly careful and attentive to such duty, by their daily and constant superintendence.

Nothing further occurs to us, as necessary or expedient to observe on, to render the use of the Records of this Office more convenient to the Public, except what has been before stated relative to the want of an additional Room, and the Registry to the Denominations of Lands seized into the hands of the Crown, and granted in Custodiam.

Richd Waller, Dep.
Danl Beere, Second^y.
Joshua Nunn, Dep. & Second^y.

45. CLERK OF THE PIPE.

RETURN from the CLERK of the PIPE and ENGROSSER of the GREAT ROLL, to QUERIES directed by His Majesty's Commissioners on the Public Records in Ireland.

THE Records of this Office are as follow, viz. The Great Roll of the Exchequer, containing an account of Fines imposed on Sheriffs for not accounting, and for not paying their Tots; Fines on Clerks of the Crown and Clerks of the Peace, for not returning the Estreats; and a Copy of the Custodiam Rents annually sent in process to the several Sheriffs of Ireland by the Comptroller of the Pipe; which said Fines and Custodiam Rents are accounted for by said Sheriffs on their Apposal: Roll commences from year 1746 to present time.—The Estreats of said Fines are delivered to the Clerk of the Pipe twice every year, by the Pursuivant of the Court of Exchequer, and a Copy of same sent from this Office to the Comptroller of the Pipe, for the purpose of issuing and sending same in process to the several Sheriffs in Ireland: The Estreats commence from the year 1770 to present time.

Sheriffs' Accounts completed, made up in Rolls annually from year 1746 to year 1809 inclusive.

There are two Volumes of Books of Custodiam Rents, commencing from His present Majesty's Reign, and continued annually to present time. There are also Books of Entries of Orders, which are as follow; viz. Absolute Orders, Orders to dissolve Custodiams, Orders to issue Custodiams, from the Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer's Office, and the King's or Chief Remembrancer's Office, and Orders to renew Custodiams; Orders to reduce Fines on Jurors, Magistrates, and other Persons fined; Orders to reduce Forfeited Recognizances; Orders to discharge Fines on Sheriffs and Coroners, for not returning Writs, and Fines imposed on Sheriffs for not accounting and not paying their Tots, and for not perfecting their Accounts, and also Fines imposed on Attornies for not answering Bills filed against them: said Books commence in the year 1686, and continue to present time. Books of Copies of Grants of Lands under Custodiams, from year 1685 to present time. Two Books of Entries of Sheriffs passing their Accounts, and paying their Tots, first commencing from year 1775 to year 1780, and second Book from that period to present time inclusive. Books of Entries of Sheriffs' Debits, and Sheriffs having paid their Tots, from year 1750 to present time.

(1.)—There does not appear any Chasm or deficiency in Books, Records, Rolls, Instruments, or Manuscript Books and Papers, in my custody as Deputy Clerk of the Pipe, save the Great Roll of last year, which is not yet perfected, owing to the pressure of business, but is now in progress.

(2.)—The said Records are lodged in the House, No. 33, Great Gloucester-street; the condition as to security and accommodation is similar to other Houses, being liable to fire and depredations; same being private property.

(3.)—The Great Roll is in tolerable good preservation. The Sheriffs' Rolls are in good preservation, and the Books are now in good preservation, as the Officer had the binding repaired where requisite at his own expense: The above Records, Rolls and Books, are arranged in order of time; the Rolls labeled, and Books lettered; so that immediate recourse may be had to them when required.

(4.)—There are no Catalogues, Calendars, &c. to the aforesaid Rolls, or particular Indexes. It is conceived that great utility would result from a general Catalogue or Index being alphabetically made to the Great and other Rolls, which would facilitate the Public business, particularly an Alphabetical List of all Lands granted in Custodiam, from the commencement of His present Majesty's Reign, as at present a Search for Custodiams can only be made in the Outlaw's name, and very imperfectly against Lands, which renders it troublesome to the Officer, and tedious to the Agent requiring such Search. There is at present an Alphabetical List to each

Book,

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45. Clerk of the Pipe.

Book, which would admit of great improvement, as they only refer to particular names. Particular Indexes to each Book would be of great use, as well as a copious Index to the whole. It is humbly suggested that the particular and general Indexes both of Rolls and Books might be completed by the ordinary diligence of the Persons usually employed in said Office, as well as the extra assistance of two Clerks under the inspection and direction of the Officer. There are no Catalogues or Indexes existing elsewhere, or in the possession of any other person, to the Officers knowledge or belief.

(5.)—The Deputy and one Clerk executes the business of this Department, and the Deputy alone has the custody and arrangement of the Records of the Office. It is the duty of the Deputy to attend on every Search made in the Office: the Hours of attendance are from 10 o'clock in the morning until four o'clock in the afternoon, and from seven o'clock until nine o'clock, and sometimes later, and from morning until night in Term time, in order to dispatch the current business of the Office. The Principal of the Office receives annually at His Majesty's Receipt Treasury, the net Sum of 289*l.* 16*s.* 4*d.* paid quarterly, for engrossing the Great Roll, and in lieu of Fees on Sheriffs passing their Accounts. There has been no Account kept of the annual Emoluments of this Office for three years back, the Fee on each Search is 3*s.* 4*d.*; for attending with any Record in Court, per diem, 1*l.* 2*s.* 9*d.* which occurred but once these three years since the present Deputy succeeded to the Office; 3*l.* 8*s.* 3*d.* per diem, for attending in the Country with a Record, bearing his own expenses, which has never occurred since the appointment of the present Deputy.

(6.)—The Deputy is specially intrusted with the care of said Records, &c. whose duty it is to attend upon every Search, and when such Search is made, he takes care to restore said Records, Books, &c. to their proper places.

(7.)—It is humbly conceived there are no matters, not comprised in the preceding Questions, which it is expedient to observe, for rendering the use of said Records, &c. more convenient to the Public; except what has been already suggested, respecting the Catalogues, Indexes, &c. which will no doubt appear obvious to His Majesty's Commissioners on the Public Records; together with the necessity of a permanent Building suitable to the purpose, for the safe custody of said Records, &c. (water and fire proof) as the Records of this Office are highly important in their nature, as affecting not only the Revenue of the Crown, but also the property of the Subject.

Wm Lea,
Deputy Clerk of the Pipe, and I. G. R.

Dated 23d day of March, 1811.

46. COMPTROLLER OF THE PIPE.

The REPORT of the DEPUTY COMPTROLLER of the PIPE, in ANSWER to the Requisition of Commissioners of the Public Records of Ireland, requiring him to detail the Nature, Situation, Emoluments, Mode of Appointment, State of Records, &c. of the Office of Comptroller of the Pipe and his Deputy, in Ireland;—viz.

46. Comptroller of the Pipe.

THE Records belonging to this Office are as follow: First, A large folio Book, containing about 250 pages, transmitted to the Office of the Comptroller of the Pipe from that of the Clerk of the Pipe, containing the names of the several Persons who have been outlawed, at the suit of the Crown, in Civil Actions (which at present amount to the number of about nine thousand) with the names of all those suing out the Outlawries to ground the issuing of what are called Custodiams, which are Leases from the Crown under the Seal of the Exchequer, whereby the Lands and Tenements of a person outlawed are forfeited and seised into the hands of the Crown, and are afterwards made over to the Plaintiff for and towards satisfying his Debt: The names of the Lands granted in Custodiam, and the different Rents reserved to the Crown in the Leases thereof, the annual Amount of which are five or ten shillings each per annum, and which amount altogether to an annual average Sum of about Two thousand eight hundred Pounds, but which are always fluctuating by the suing out of new and the dissolving of old Custodiams; and this Book is corrected and compared annually with the Clerk of the Pipe, and copied and engrossed on long strips of parchment, and issued in process by the Comptroller of the Pipe with his Writ annexed, directed to the different Sheriffs of the different Counties, Cities, and Counties of Towns in Ireland, commanding them and each of them to appear at the Return thereof before the Barons of the Exchequer, and to levy the Sums in the Schedules annexed; and those Rolls, when made up, are sent to the Second Remembrancer of His Majesty's Court of Exchequer, through whom they are delivered to the different Sheriffs, at the commencement of each Summer Assizes; and those Rolls, when the Sheriffs come to tot or account in the Exchequer, after they are superseded in Office, are returned to and deposited with the Comptroller of the Pipe, and from thence remain ever afterwards as Records in his Office; and Constats of them are taken out by all the different Sheriffs, when they come to get what is called their Debit, which comprehends the amount of the different Sums they tot for, and are chargeable with; and those Constats consist of Transcripts of the foregoing Crown Rents, with the Comptroller's Certificate annexed of the amount the Sheriffs stand charged with; and is for the information of the Tellers and Clerks of His Majesty's Treasury, whose Duty it is to investigate inspect and certify the Debits, and receive their amount.

Secondly,

Secondly; Schedules or Transcripts of Fines, sent immediately before, or at the commencement of every Spring and Summer Assizes, every year, by the Clerk of the Pipe to the Comptroller of the Pipe; containing certain Fines imposed by the Court of Exchequer, at the times therein mentioned, upon different Persons, and for different defaults; viz.—Upon Sheriffs for not paying their Tots:—Upon Sheriffs for escapes of Persons fined:—Upon Sheriffs, Mayors and other Officers, for not returning names of Persons to serve as Sheriffs:—Upon Clerks of the Crown and Peace, for not returning their Estreats:—Upon Defaulters, therein named, for not answering Bills filed in His Majesty's Court of Exchequer:—Upon Escheators of the Four Provinces, for not making what is termed their Profers.——All these are engrossed twice a year, in rolls or strips of parchment, by the Comptroller of the Pipe, to which he annexes a similar Writ as that annexed to the Custodiam Rolls already described, directed to the different Sheriffs to levy the amount contained in the Schedules therein mentioned; and when made up, the Comptroller delivers them to the Deputy Second Remembrancer, to forward to the different Sheriffs of Ireland. And all the foregoing are denominated Pipe Process, or, the second Process of the Pipe, and are or may be termed, CROWN-REVENUE PROCESS.

Thirdly; The original Estreats of all Fines imposed and Recognizances forfeited at Assizes, Commissions of Oyer and Terminer and General Gaol Delivery, and Sessions of the Peace; which are sent out to be levied as hereafter mentioned, and are called Green Wax; (Convicts' Fines excepted, the Estreats of which are sent to the Summonister's Office.)

By the 10th Section of the 38th of the King, cap. 50, " all Green Wax which issues from the Office of the Comptroller of the Pipe, is to be delivered to the different Treasurers of every County, City, and County of a Town, in Ireland, within ten days after every Easter and Michaelmas Term; who, by the 11th Section of that Act, are to issue their Warrants to the respective Collectors to levy same; and by the 17th Section of it, the Treasurers are bound, on the first day of every Assizes, to lay before the Grand Jurors of their respective Counties, the original Process which issues from the Comptroller's Office, for the levying of forfeited Recognizances and Fines, and the names of the Collectors, and all such Accounts to be passed before the Grand Juries of each Spring and Summer Assizes after the Collectors are sworn in Court before the Judges of Assize, to account for the Receipts thereof; which are, by said Act, directed to be paid unto the different Treasurers, and introduced into their Accounts, and then applied in reduction of the Baronial Assessments."

The original Estreats, at present, come to the Comptroller of the Pipe from the Second Remembrancer's Office of His Majesty's Court of Exchequer, to which they are first transmitted by the several Clerks of the Crown and Peace in Ireland: a practice arising more from acquiescence and want of correction, than any necessity or use, as the Originals, by the Statute, are all to be filed in the Comptroller's Office, which is the only Office of Record for them, and there they should (not circuitously but directly and immediately after each Assizes, Commission, and Sessions) be returned; inasmuch as those of them that come to the Office of the Comptroller of the Pipe never come regularly, nor are filed with him in time to issue the Process at near the periods prescribed by Law. These Estreats when they are filed with the Comptroller are transcribed, and ingrossed in rolls of parchment, and sent out twice each year in process, with his Writ annexed, directed to the different Treasurers of each County, City, and County of a Town, in Ireland, commanding them to levy the amount thereof; and which should, at the expiration of the several Returns thereof, be returned to the Comptroller's Office, and filed with him, with Schedules annexed, containing the Amount of the Sums levied, from whom, and the manner in which they have been applied, with the Sums unpaid, &c. &c. pursuant to the forms prescribed by the different Sections of the Act of the 38th of the King; a practice now almost if not entirely abandoned. And all the foregoing are called Green Wax Process, and may properly, since the Act of the 38th of the King, be considered as CIVIL-REVENUE PROCESS, the Revenue thereby arising being appropriated to CIVIL Purposes.

The Principal of this Office is appointed by Patent from the Crown, during pleasure; and the Principal appoints the Deputy, subject to the approval of the Crown; and neither are obliged to give any Security.

The Business of this Office is totally performed by the Deputy; and no Principal as yet has ever interfered or taken the smallest share in the Duties of it; the Office being hitherto considered as a Sinecure merely, and bestowed by Government to the present, as well as to all preceding Principals, as such only.

The Duties of the Office consist in the annual Ingrossment of the Custodiam Rolls of the thirty-two Counties, five Cities, and three Counties of Towns, making forty Sets of Process; and which are CROWN-REVENUE PROCESS: The annual Ingrossment of all the Fines estreated, and all the Recognizances forfeited, at four Commissions of Oyer and Terminer and Gaol Delivery, besides occasional special Commissions: The annual Engrossment of Fines imposed, and Recognizances forfeited, at 160 Quarter Sessions of the Peace, of the 40 Counties, Cities, and Counties of Towns, as at bottom*, the Proceeds of which are become (since the Act of

* Viz. The 32 Counties; and the Cities of Kilkenny, Waterford, Cork, Dublin and Limerick; and the Counties of the Town of Carrickfergus, Drogheda and Galway.

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of the 38th of the King, as before mentioned) Civil Revenue; as, for time immemorial, until that Act passed, the Green Wax Revenue was paid (where, in my humble opinion, it should have still continued to be paid, for the reasons hereafter mentioned,) viz. into His Majesty's Treasury.

As for the Ingrossment of all the foregoing Processes, whether Crown Revenue or Civil Revenue, or for any part thereof, there is no Sum whatever paid to the Deputy by the Crown, by the Principal, or by any Person whatsoever, or received by him, from or out of any Fund whatsoever.

The Principal receives 445 *l.* or thereabouts, per annum, out of the gross amount of 453 *l.* 10 *s.* per annum, after the deduction of Pells or Poundage and Fees, from the Treasury in Ireland, as Comptroller of the Pipe; but the Office was not given to him to do the Duties of it, or disburse any part of its expenses; on the contrary, it was given to him that he should receive the entire of the foregoing annual sum as a Sinecure, which it always has been; and the Appointment was made to him in particular as such, in consideration of the Principal's Father actually surrendering to the Crown a Pension of four hundred pounds a year on the Civil Establishment, which he then held for life, independently of the Crown; and which he surrendered in his life-time, in consideration of the Crown appointing his Son, the present Principal, to this Office, as a Sinecure.

The Deputy, with the assistance of his own private Clerks, at present does the business of the Office; but not to the extent it should be, on account of the total inadequacy of the means it affords. And it is not possible for any Deputy to perform the Duties of the Office, while the Expenses of it exceed its Products; and no Deputy could be reasonably required to do the business of it, as it should be done, in the degraded state the Office is at present.

And the Deputy has never received, neither does the Office produce, nor is it capable of producing, fairly managed (at present) any greater sum annually than a sum of between eighty and ninety Pounds per annum; and eighty-four Pounds five shillings and five-pence, mentioned in the Schedule hereunto annexed, with the items specified therein, is the whole gross product of the last year, viz. 1811, a Sum scarcely sufficient for the payment of the lowest Clerk.

There is no mode of sending out the Green Wax Process, as at present regulated, save through the General Post Office, a practice for the first time struck out by the present Deputy, he having no other means whatever to forward it at all; and Answers or Receipts are forbidden, as the expense of their postage back (if permitted) would soon consume more than the amount of the gross Proceeds of the Office; and therefore, whether the Process ever arrives to the hands of the Treasurer, or not, is unknown; and no Returns are now made or can be inforced, as there can be no proof of delivery; therefore the Comptroller remains in total ignorance whether the sums are ever levied; and if levied, of course, how they are applied. And that part of the Act of the 38th of the King, directing Returns to be made by the Treasurers, with all the particulars prescribed by said Act to the Comptroller, is not complied with, and is a dead letter.

The annual gross Amount of the Green Wax Process estreated, is from twenty-five thousand to thirty thousand Pounds per annum, and may be said to average twenty-seven thousand five hundred Pounds, the one third of which is not collected, and what is collected is generally misapplied; and the Grand Juries no longer attend to the Accounts, but leave all to the Barony Constables, who are, by the said Act, the Collectors of it; and the Treasurers scarcely render any Accounts; and these are such, by the false deductions of the Constables, as produce no benefit whatever of any description.

And it is to be observed, that several of the Grand Jurors (which Body have the appointment of all those Barony Constables who are Collectors of Green Wax) in their capacities of Grand Jurors, as well as (not unfrequently) in their civil capacities, as special Jurors, are fined by the going Judges of Assize; and these Fines, when estreated, go out to be levied as Green Wax, and are sent out in Process to the several Treasurers, who issue their Warrants to the Constables to collect and levy it; but it can hardly be thought, that persons who owe their appointment to, and are dependent solely upon the Grand Jury, should be very active in levying Fines from the very individuals who appoint them; or, vice versa, that the Jurors themselves, whose province it is to make the Constables fully account for the due collection and levying of Green Wax, should inforce or follow up what might end in an arrest of their own persons, or a seizure of their own goods and chattels; and it would be a very invidious task for either of the parties, in such a state, and in the strange predicament they stand towards each other, to be forward in such a pursuit, notwithstanding it is a public duty. And again; the Collectors themselves, in their official station as Constables, are frequently fined; and it is not to be supposed that they will levy off themselves, or their own goods, &c. any part of this Revenue; and therefore I conceive, that the present Act, in those particulars, as well as in many others, is not only impracticable, but repugnant and absurd.

The Constables contrive to apply nearly the whole product of the Green Wax Levy to their own use and benefit; viz. they first deduct six shillings and eight-pence, being one third in the pound, for their own Poundage, from the gross amount of the easiest and largest part of the product, which arises out of the Fines imposed; (as the forfeited Recognizances are, for the greater part, confined to the poorest and neediest of the lower

order of the people, who sometimes may be unable, and always are unwilling, to pay them), and which, with the Treasurer's Fees, amount to eight shillings British in the pound; and afterwards, out of the surplus money in their hands, they likewise deduct a similar poundage of eight shillings for the amount of the sums due by the persons who forfeit Recognizances; most of whom are tempted to surrender themselves at the time of Assizes, to be discharged upon an oath of insolvency, though very few, in strictness and in reality, are so; and those of this description the Constables let remain quiet till then, as they deduct equal poundage for the amount due by discharged persons as for the sums levied; so that they not only take poundage for the money they levy, but for the money they do not levy, and wilfully neglect to levy, and by these means take care to balance the Accounts; as the poundage for money levied, and the extra poundage upon sums due by supposed insolvents exhaust the whole Fund; which opens a temptation to the greatest possible fraud and perjury, whereof as an instance, in one County alone, at one Assizes last year, three Constables, by these means, pocketed a sum not less than Nine hundred Pounds unaccounted for.

And those Persons who enter into Recognizances (the amount of which is generally from five pounds to fifty pounds) conditioned either to prosecute, or for the forthcoming of Persons admitted to Bail, at the time of entering into the Recognizances, most chearfully and without the smallest hesitation, take an Oath, that they are really worth the sum specified in their Recognizances above all their just debts; and in a few months afterwards those identical Persons, one and all, surrender themselves at an Assizes, and in order to be released and discharged from an ideal Caption, but really from the Debt, take a deliberate Oath they are utterly insolvent. I should therefore submit, that, without diminishing or altering the powers of the Commissioners of Reducements, or abridging in the slightest degree the powers given to His Majesty's Judges of Assize, this Revenue should be collected by either Sheriffs or Coroners, or other sufficiently responsible Officers, to be appointed by the Government only, at a Poundage or a Salary, totally excluding the present anomalous appointment of Constables as Principals, in the collection and management of it. The Persons appointed as Collectors to account as Sheriffs now do, once a year, and to pay the amount of their Debit in like manner, into the Treasury; for I aver, the Counties or the Public, or the Crown, gain no advantage whatever by this Revenue, as at present collected and applied; and the change would be, in a Financial point of view, serviceable to the State, and, in a Moral sense, useful to the community at large; and by a new Act, all the mischiefs I have pointed out might be remedied.

The Principal had been a prisoner in the French territory since the peace of 1802, and lately returned, viz. in July 1812; and the Deputy has never received any Compensation whatsoever, for the business or expenses of the Office, save what annually arises out of the Items, which are contained in one of the Schedules hereunto annexed.

In the Year 1807, the preceding Deputy (however willing he was) being totally unable to manage the business of the Office, from want of adequate means, omitted to send out a great portion of the Process for the eight years preceding; which the present Deputy cleared off; and sent out to the different Treasurers in Ireland, in that year, Green Wax Process to the amount of two hundred and fifty-two thousand Pounds, or thereabouts; and which were all afterwards in the following year of 1808, done away by an Act of the Legislature, and which consumed twelve months labour of the Deputy, and cost him between two and three hundred Pounds, the entire of which he is still out of pocket.

The First SCHEDULE; containing, An accurate Account of the Gross Receipts of the Office of Comptroller of the Pipe in Ireland, as received by the Deputy Comptroller, for One Year; commencing the 27th day of November 1810, and ending the 27th day of November 1811: being the Total Emoluments arising out of said Office, within the foregoing Period.

	£.	s.	d.
To Cash received from thirty-five Sheriffs, who accounted from the 27th day of November 1810 to the 27th of November 1811, at one pound two shillings and nine-pence each - - - - - - - - - - - - -	39	16	7
To Cash received for Sheriffs' Constats, upon making out their Debits, within the same interval - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	33	14	10
To Cash received, within the same interval, for Constats, taken out for the purpose of reducing Fines - - - - - - - - - - - - -	6	13	—
To Cash payable, not yet received, being the annual allowance for Parchment, being the same as for a century back; the present expenses of which, with Scrivenery, amount to ten times that sum - - - - - - - -	4	1	—
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The Second SCHEDULE; containing, A detailed Abstract of the various Process which properly should issue out of the Office of the Comptroller of the Pipe annually, and be forwarded through the Kingdom of Ireland;—viz.

	Number of Process.
The Annual Ingrossment of, and sending out in Process, forty Custodiam Rolls, directed by the Comptroller's Writ to each of the forty Sheriffs of the Counties, Cities, and Counties of Towns, in Ireland; making forty different Sets of Process, and containing the Crown Rents of Nine thousand Town-lands, &c. &c. &c. first before-mentioned - - - - - - - - - -	40
The Ingrossment of, and sending out in Process, twice each year, in the Spring and Summer, forty Rolls of specific Fines, secondly before-mentioned, directed by the Comptroller's Writ, to each of the forty Sheriffs of the Counties, Cities, and Counties of Towns; making Eighty different Sets of Process;—all of which are CROWN REVENUE - - - - - - - - - -	80
The Ingrossment and sending out in Process, all the Fines and the forfeited Recognizances of the Four Commissions of Oyer and Terminer, directed by the Comptroller's Writ to the Treasuser of the County of the City of Dublin -	4
The Annual Ingrossment of, and sending out in Process, all the Fines and forfeited Recognizances of the forty Spring, and the forty Summer Assizes, directed to each of the forty Treasurers, making eighty Assizes of the Counties, Cities, and Counties of Towns, in the year, with the Comptroller's Writ, directed to each of the forty Treasurers of the forty Counties, Cities, and Towns; making Eighty different Sets of Process - - - - - - -	80
The Annual Ingrossment of, and sending out in Process, the Fines and Recognizances of one hundred and sixty Quarter Sessions of the Peace, with he Comptroller's Writs, directed to each of the forty Treasurers of the forty Counties, Cities, and Towns; making one hundred and sixty Sets of Process (Convicts Fines excepted*);—and which are CIVIL REVENUE - - -	160
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The above making a Total, besides Special Commissions, of three hundred and sixty-four different Sets of Process of Crown and Civil Revenue, to be ingrossed and sent annually throughout the Kingdom of Ireland, by the Comptroller of the Pipe.

By the foregoing Schedules it will be seen, that the Office of Comptroller of the Pipe (always exercised by Deputy) which is inferior to none in the importance of it, is perhaps the only deputation in the United Kingdom destitute of means to sustain it; and it must appear, if the Business of it was done to the extent it should be, the Office should be put upon a very different footing from what it is at present. All which I submit as my Report (without presuming to attach any blame in any Office or to any Officer, in the slightest degree.)

To Wm Shaw Mason, Esq.
Secretary to the Commissioners
of Public Records, &c. &c.

T. S. Berry,
Deputy Comptroller of the Pipe.

P. S. There is a very great hardship imposed upon the Subject, by the very unnecessary expenses attendant upon the Reduction of Fines. It frequently happens, that His Majesty's Judges (where there is a proper object for it, and a proper cause assigned) sign a Consent for the Reduction of Fines, imposed by themselves in their Courts above, and upon their respective Circuits; and also His Majesty's Commissioners of Reducements frequently order Fines to be reduced to sixpence. However, pursuant to the forms at present in practice, the Costs and Expenses to obtain the final Reduction, which requires the payment of sixpence into His Majesty's Treasury, when paid, amount to a sum of between seven and eight pounds; so that to reduce a Fine of Five Pounds would be an increase of loss of near three pounds, and a reducing Order for Ten Pounds would be not worth obtaining; and consequently many Fines are submitted to by persons who cannot very well afford to pay them, rather than incur the expenses of Reduction; and the interposition of the King's Judges towards many most deserving objects, is rendered unbeneficial and thrown away.

I would therefore submit, that the Fiat of the Commissioners of Reducements, grounded upon the usual Petition preferred to them, stating the grounds to reduce Fines, or the amount of Recognizances forfeited, verified by the Affidavit of the Petitioner, or accompanied with the consent of any of His Majesty's Judges, should be directly filed in the proper Office, viz. with the Comptroller of the Pipe; and upon being filed, the Comptroller of the Pipe, where the Fine or Recognizance had not issued in Process, should at once expunge them from the Estreat, and where they had been issued in Process, withdraw or recall them, without any condition or reservation of Payment, of any nominal sum, to the Treasurers. Whereas, at present, the Fiat or Order of the Commissioners of Reducements never appears in the proper Office, and in no instance is filed there; and inasmuch as the Order specifies a condition, that the Fine or Sum for which the Recognizance is forfeited shall be reduced, upon the usual payment of a Sixpence, to be paid to the Treasurers; the Clerk of the Pipe, (who is not the Officer for Civil Revenue, and who has no concern or intercourse

* The Fines upon Convicts are not included in the above, as the Estreats of those Fines are returned to the Office of the Summonister, who sends them out in process.

intercourse with any of the Treasurers, or interference in Civil Fines or forfeited Recognizances otherwise,) makes out a debit Order grounded on the Fiat of the Commissioners of Reducements, that, upon payment of those paltry Pence to the Treasurers, which are never collected, the amount of the Fine or forfeited Recognizance should be reduced; and this creates an out-of-the-way and vexatious routine and expense, which has no rational object or purpose whatsoever; for as well might a Warrant to satisfy a Judgment, entered in the Pleas' Side of the Court of Exchequer, be carried to enter a Satisfaction upon it to the Equity or Revenue Sides of that Court, where there would not be any Record to enter it at the foot of, as carry the Fiat of the Commissioners to an Office, where the slightest trace of the Fine or Recognizance was not to be found, as the Estreat Records of them are confined solely to the Comptroller's Office, totally independent of any other; and the consequence is, as the Fiats for Reducement are not carried to or filed in the Office of the Comptroller of the Pipe, Fines and Recognizances for which there are already reducing Orders, made out elsewhere, are not only issued and sent out in process to be levied, but have been actually inforced, though reduced; and individuals greatly inconvenienced by it; and for the space of six years, the Comptroller never was apprized of the Reduction of a single Fine or a Recognizance.

N. B. The several Acts, unrepealed and still in force, relating to the levying, collecting, application, and management of Green Wax Process (which might all be combined in one new-modified Act) are the 27 Geo. III. ch. 14 & 40;—29 Geo. III. ch. 28;—31 Geo. III. ch. 25;—32 Geo. III. ch. 25;—38 Geo. III. ch. 50;—49 Geo. III. ch. 83.

47. TRANSCRIPTOR AND FOREIGN APPOSER.

ANSWERS to the QUERIES directed by the Commissioners on the Public Records in Ireland, to the TRANSCRIPTOR and FOREIGN APPOSER of the COURT of EXCHEQUER.

(1.)—THERE is but one sort of Record in the custody of the Transcriptor and Foreign Apposer, and that is a Transcript of the Process which issues from the Summonister to the different Sheriffs throughout Ireland, and is by each Sheriff lodged with the Transcriptor and Foreign Apposer, previously to passing his Accounts for the year of his Sheriffalty. The Rolls of such Process in the Transcriptor's custody commence at the year 1774, and continue down to the present time. There are not any manuscript Books, or Papers, in the Transcriptor's custody, as Keeper of said Records; the only Book kept by him is one for his own convenience, in which Entries are made of the period at which each Sheriff passes his Accounts. And it is to be observed, that after each Sheriff passes his Account and pays his Tots (of which Tots duplicates remain with the Summonister and the Auditor General) the Process lodged by the Sheriffs as above-mentioned, is of no further use after the Tots and Nils are discharged.

(2.)—These Records are kept in an Office in the dwelling house of the Transcriptor, and consequently subject to the same risque as every other private house. The Building private property.

(3.)—The Records are in good Preservation, and are kept in parcels, each parcel containing the Processes of each several year, which were lodged with the Transcriptor.

(4.)—From the nature of these Rolls or Records, as before stated, being merely Transcripts, there does not appear to me to be any necessity for making any alteration in respect to their custody or arrangement.

(5.)—The Transcriptor and his Clerk compare the original Process, which is lodged with him, with a copy of the Process which is kept by the Sheriffs, in order to direct them in passing their Accounts of the Sums the Sheriffs tot for; they also attend at the Court of Exchequer, when a Sheriff gives notice of passing his Accounts, to read out in Court the different items of the Process, and to see that the Sheriff makes due Returns for all such Sums as by virtue of said Process he was directed to collect. It sometimes happens that Sheriffs (notwithstanding their utmost diligence and exertions) are unable to collect within the year they are in office, the entire amount of the sums specified in the Process; and whenever that appears satisfactorily to the Court, the Sheriffs are permitted to return Nils on all such; it then becomes the duty of the Transcriptor to send out in Process to the Sheriffs of the next year, these Nils, in order that the succeeding Sheriffs may levy the amount (if possible); and as soon as the Sheriff is about to pay in the amount of his Tots, he gets from the Transcriptor or his Deputy a Transcript of the Sums he was chargeable with, and by this document appears the exact Sum he is to pay into the Treasury on foot of the said Process. The Office is open, and the hours of attendance from ten until three o'clock each day.

The annual Salary paid to the Transcriptor out of the Treasury is 52*l.* 2*s.* 9*d.*; there is no further Allowance or Emolument paid, except the usual Fees ascertained by Act of Parliament, which are paid by the Sheriffs on accounting, as follows: For each Search, 3*s.* 4*d.*—For comparing Process, and attending to pass Accounts, if for a County, 1*l.* 2*s.* 9*d.*; if a City, 1*l.* 14*s.* 1½*d.*; for a Transcript of Fines, if one Roll, 13*s.* 4*d.*; for every Roll same contains after the first, 13*s.* 4*d.*

(6.)—There is no further or other Person intrusted with the care of said Records, save the Transcriptor and his Clerk.

(7.)—Perhaps it would be advisable every ten years, or as soon as Sheriffs pay in their Tots, to have the Records deposited in the Bermingham Tower, and then all responsibility would be taken off the Transcriptor,

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who at present has no place but his own house for the custody of them; and if any Office on the Inns Quay could be given, it might answer for two or three branches of the Sheriffs' business. In consequence of the different Offices of the Revenue Exchequer being kept in different parts of Dublin, the Sheriffs are necessarily put to a great deal of trouble in comparing their Process, and attending at the different Offices, previous to passing their Accounts.

John Pollock,
Transcriptor and Foreign Apposer of the Court of Exchequer.

17th May 1811.
Wm Shaw Mason, Esq.
&c. &c. &c.

48. SUMMONISTER AND CLERK OF THE ESTREATS.

The ANSWER of the SUMMONISTER and CLERK of the ESTREATS, to the QUERIES directed by the Commissioners on the Public Records in Ireland.

48. Summonister and Clerk of the Estreats.

(1.)—THE several sorts of Public Records, Rolls, Instruments, and Manuscript Books and Papers, in my custody, are, Estreats returned to me of Fines and Amerciaments imposed on Magistrates, and also on Convicts, at the several Assizes held in Ireland, and at Commissions of Oyer and Terminer, held in and for the County and City of Dublin; and also at the several Quarter Sessions held in Ireland, and at all Adjournments thereof, (except the Fines and Amerciaments imposed on Convicts at the Quarter Sessions held in and for the City of Dublin); and also, Records of Fines imposed in the several Law Courts in Ireland, against Sheriffs, Coroners, and Seneschals, for not returning Writs; and also Extracts of Fines levied in the Court of Common Pleas in Ireland, called the King's Silver.

All Recognizances in Ireland, and Fines imposed on Jurors and Convicts, at the several Quarter Sessions of the Peace held in and for the City of Dublin, were returned to the Summonister to be estreated, until about the year 1787, when an Act of Parliament was passed, in Ireland, appointing Collectors, and directing the Comptroller of the Pipe to estreat the forfeited Recognizances for the County and City of Dublin; and also the Fines imposed on Jurors and Convicts at the Quarter Sessions held in and for the City of Dublin.

All the other forfeited Recognizances in Ireland, and all other Fines imposed on Jurors in Ireland, were returned to the Summonister, to be estreated, until the year 1798, when an Act of Parliament passed, in Ireland, appointing Collectors, and directed the Comptroller of the Pipe to estreat all the forfeited Recognizances and Fines imposed on Jurors, throughout Ireland; which occasioned a diminution of the Fees and Emoluments arising to the Summonister by virtue of the Patent he holds, without his having ever received any compensation whatever.

All Fines and Amerciaments herein-before mentioned, that are returned to the Summonister in each year, are estreated by him in Process in each issuable Term, viz. Hilary and Trinity in each year, to the several and respective Sheriffs of the Counties, Cities, and Towns in Ireland, to which they ought to be respectively estreated, with authority to levy the same; and the said Estreats, so returned to the Summonister, are, at each of said periods, made up in a Roll, in alphabetical order, and indorsed, to signify what Roll is contained therein; and the Summonister, in order to facilitate all necessary Searches in his Office, makes out, for his own convenience and private use in each year, one Book or Copy of each of said two Rolls; which said Copies or Books are indorsed, to signify what each of said Books contain: And the Summonister, at each of said periods that he so estreats said Fines, &c. also makes out and furnishes Richard Martin, Esquire, Solicitor for the Casual Revenue, with an exact Copy on paper, which he attests as such, of each of the Processes that the Summonister so estreats, twice each year, to the several and respective Sheriffs in Ireland; and the original Estreats so returned as aforesaid, still remain with the Summonister, from the year 1780 to the present time.

(2.)—The said Records are kept in Presses in the Summonister's dwelling house in Great Ship-street; which Building is the private property of the Summonister.

(3.)—The said Records are in good Preservation, and are arranged in alphabetical order, as mentioned in the Answer to the first Quere.

(4.)—There are two complete correct Rolls for each year, of such Estreats as are each year returned to the Summonister, in alphabetical order; and each of such Rolls indorsed in the following manner; viz. the first Roll of each year indorsed, "Hilary Vacation Process, returnable Trinity;" and the second Roll of each year indorsed, "Trinity Vacation Process, returnable Michaelmas;" adding to each indorsement the date of the year in which the same were issued; and in like manner for every year. There are no other Indexes.

(5.)—There are two Clerks employed by the Summonister, and at his expense, for the arrangement of said Records in manner herein-before mentioned, and for copying and ingrossing the Process. The Fee demandable by the Summonister for each Search, is 1*s.* 6*d.* and 3*s.* 4*d.* for a Constat or Copy of each Fine, when wanted in order to have same reduced.

(6.)—There is no Person specifically intrusted with the care of said Records; but the same remain, in the manner herein-before mentioned, in the house of the Summonister, and under his protection.

James Dance,
Summonister and Clerk of Estreats.

To Wm Shaw Mason, Esq.
&c. &c. &c.

49. SOLICITOR OF THE CASUAL REVENUE.

SIR,

ON my return to Town the beginning of this month, I have received your favour of the 18th of September last, requiring Answers to the several Queries transmitted therewith: In pursuance of which, I have to acquaint you, that no Public Records, Rolls, Instruments, or Manuscript Books or Papers, are in my custody, as Keeper of any Records, or belonging to the Office I hold of Solicitor of the Casual Revenue in the Court of Exchequer; the Duties of which are merely those of inforcing the due execution of the several Offices of Sheriffs, Justices of the Peace, and other Magistrates of Ireland, where any defaults or neglects arise in the performance of their respective duties, as an Attorney or Solicitor: And that all Records relating thereto are kept in the several Offices of the said Court of Exchequer, in which the particular modes of proceeding are transacted; (that is to say) the Chief or King's Remembrancer; the Lord Treasurer's or Second Remembrancer; the Summonister or Clerk of the Estreats; the Clerk of the Pipe, and the Comptroller of the Pipe; from which latter Office most of the Writs, Schedules, and Rolls of Green Wax Process (except those of the First Fruits) are issued.

I have the honour to be, Sir, &c.

Rich. Martin,
Sol^{r} Casual Revenue.

37, Gloucester-Street, November 17th, 1810.
To Wm Shaw Mason, Esq.
&c. &c. &c.

50. FIRST FRUITS REMEMBRANCER AND RECEIVER.

The RETURN of the REMEMBRANCER and RECEIVER of FIRST FRUITS and TWENTIETH PARTS, to certain QUERIES transmitted, pursuant to an Order of His Majesty's Commissioners on the Public Records of Ireland, dated the 11th September 1810.

IT may be necessary to premise, that the Revenue of First Fruits (being the first year's supposed Value of every Spiritual Living in the Kingdom) was formerly a Tax paid by the Clergy to the Pope, until the Reign of Henry VIII, when it became vested in the Crown under the Act of 28th of that King; and so continued until the 10th of Anne, when the annual produce of this Revenue was transferred to Trustees for the disposal thereof, and the Twentieth Parts (which had also been vested in the Crown) were abolished.

The power of valuing, compounding, and taking sureties for First Fruits, was given by the former of said Statutes to the Chancellor, Master of the Rolls, and Vice Treasurer; but was afterwards transferred (under a Clause in the same Statute) to Officers appointed by Commission under the Great Seal; and one of the Patents or Grants of said Office (so early as James I.) directs, that the same shall be called and known by the name of "The FIRST FRUITS OFFICE of the Court of Exchequer."

There are no remains of Records in this Office prior to the last mentioned period, as the original Surveys or Inquisitions, ascertaining the value of Ecclesiastical Benefices, were returned into the Office of the Chief Remembrancer of the Court of Exchequer.

From that period to the present time, the Records of this Office consist, 1st, of Returns of Promotions within the several Dioceses of Ireland, made by the several Archbishops and Bishops, under their Diocesan Seals, to the Precept or Mandate, which issues forth half-yearly from this Office, under the Seal of the Court of Exchequer:—2dly, The original Inquisitions and Findings of Sheriffs under First Fruits Process; which likewise issues, under the same authority, against defaulting Incumbents and their Sureties:—To these it may be proper to add a third, the Incumbents' Composition Bonds, the number of which are subject to constant increase or diminution.

Of these three Classes of Records, the First is considered the most valuable, as the Returns ascertain not only the Names of the Incumbents, but also the extent and period of the Unions of Parishes, and, in many cases, the right of Presentation.

It is to be regretted, that there are many chasms and deficiencies in the series of the above Records; which, from their unarranged state, it would be impossible to ascertain precisely, or the causes thereof; except in the remarkable instances of 1641 and 1688, when the duties of the Office were probably interrupted; as no Records appear in it, which relate to those times of national confusion and disorder.

There are but two Rolls in the Office, (viz.) one of Debtors, and the other of Defaulters, commencing so late as 1803, when the present Patentees came into office.

There are a variety of Manuscript Books, in the nature of Records, in this Office.

The Valor Beneficiorum, which is an official Transcript of a Book of the same name in the Chief Remembrancer's Office, containing an Account of Taxations of the several Livings, extracted from the usual Inquisitions or Valuations of First Fruits.

II.—Books of Returns, which may possibly, in many instances, supply the deficiencies in the above Records, as Abstracts of the Bishops' Return Books, are preserved in these Books, some of which are in good, and others in bad condition. No. 1, Book, commences 1616, ends 1635:—No. 2, commences 1635, ends 1660; in this, however, there is a chasm of sixteen years:—No. 3, commences 1662, ends 1671:—No. 4, commences 1676, ends 1679:—No. 5, commences 1680, ends 1683:—No. 6, commences 1684, ends 1688:—No. 7, commences 1697, ends 1699:—No. 8, commences 1699, ends 1701:—No. 9, commences 1702, ends 1706:—No. 10, commences

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50. First Fruits Remembrancer and Receiver.

commences 1706, ends 1711:—After which, there are no Books of Returns in the Office until 1742; from which period down to the present time there is a regular series of six Books, No. 11 to 16 inclusively, besides one now in use, commencing Michaelmas 1810.

Among the old Books, may be reckoned one containing Enrolments or Entries of Composition Bonds, for a period of three years, commencing 1636; and two Books, containing a Copy of the Valor Beneficiorum, Cases and Opinions of Counsel, Forms of Writs, and other matters, relating to the Practice and Proceedings of the First Fruits Office.

III.—A series of 41 Books, called "Books of Arrears and State of the Funds," commencing in 1742, and carried down to 1802. In 1803, on the present Patentees coming into Office, the system of accounting was altered, and a large Ledger and General Registry or Book of Enrolments of Bonds opened, the last of which two Books is still in use. To these may be added (as the custody of them is more immediately in the hands of the First Clerk or Deputy Receiver) two others, called "Board Account Books," containing accounts of money received, and paid over to the Treasurer of the Board of First Fruits.

IV.—A set of Books of Process, containing an Account of the Proceedings by Green Wax against defaulting Incumbents. There are eighteen of these, commencing in the year 1789, at which time the Process of the Office (which had fallen into disuse after the First Fruits became vested in Trustees) was revived, and continued down to the present day. These Books are immediately in the custody of the junior Clerk; as also a Book of Mort Process, an Appearance Book, and Rule Book; which two last have also been revived, since the present Patentees' appointment.

(2.)—The Building in which said Records, &c. are lodged, is situate in Stephen's-street; and is private property. The condition of the Office, as to security, is like all other private buildings, subject to Fire. As to Accommodation, there are two Parlours, fitted out in a commodious manner, for the safe keeping of said Records, and transacting the Business of the Office.

(3.)—The Records are in as good Preservation as can be expected from their age, and are arranged according to their subject and dates.

(4.)—There are no General Catalogues, Calendars, Schedules, Indexes or Repertories, save those which relate to the great Ledger before mentioned, which has an Index to the Livings in each Diocese; and also the Book of Returns now in use, which has an Index Nominum et Locorum. It is conceived, a great degree of utility would result from a General Index, &c. being made to all the Books and Records in the Office, after undergoing a proper arrangement and examination; the completion of which might be effected in about two years, by the ordinary diligence of the Persons usually employed in said Office. There are no Catalogues, &c. existing elsewhere, which did belong to the Office, to the knowledge of the present Officers.

(5.)—This Office (which is held by Patent) comprehends two distinct Departments; viz. *Remembrancer*, and *Receiver*. The Duties are discharged by one of the Patentees and a Deputy, who chiefly attends to the Receiver's Department, and is also Senior Clerk in that of the Remembrancer, in which there is likewise a Junior Clerk employed. The Deputy Remembrancer and Receiver has the custody of all the Records in the Office, to all of which the junior Clerk has access (except to the Composition Bonds, Account Books, and all other matters relating to the Receiver's Department.) Attendance is given in this Office from eleven till three o'clock each day (Sundays and all public Holidays excepted). Besides the Salaries paid from the Civil List, and allowed by the Board of First Fruits, not amounting altogether to 100 *l.* a year, there are Fees of three shillings and four-pence for every common Search that does not exceed ten years; and six shillings and eight-pence for every Certificate or Constat. Where the Search exceeds ten years (or is otherwise particular) a Fee at the rate of four-pence a Term is charged, agreeably to the practice of this side of the Exchequer. The net annual amount thereof, upon an average of the last three years, is estimated at 40 *l.* 13 *s.* 1 *d.*

(6.)—The Senior Clerk is intrusted (as aforesaid) with the care of said Records; and it is the duty of the Junior Clerk to attend upon every Search, after which, he takes care to restore said Records to their proper places; he is (as before mentioned) Junior Clerk in the First Fruits Office.

(7.)—There are not any matters, not comprised in the preceding Questions, except what have been already suggested, which it is necessary or expedient to observe, for rendering the use of the said Records more convenient to the Public.

W. & E. Glascock & W. S. Mason,
Remembrancer and Receiver of First Fruits and Twentieth Parts.

Dublin, 30th January 1811.

51. CLERK OF QUIT RENTS.

A LIST of the BOOKS in the QUIT RENT OFFICE.

51. Clerk of Quit Rents.

No. 1. Twenty Books of Survey and Distribution, under the Act of Settlement, 1641 (Copies):—No. 2. Thirty-five Rent Rolls of Quit and Crown Rents (Copies):—No. 3. Twenty-nine Abstract Books, which contain the Collector's Yearly Accounts:—No. 4. Forty-eight Books, the respective List of Arrears in the different Districts, bound and signed by the Collectors:—No. 5. A Book of Maps of Down Survey in Charles Second's time:—No. 6. Seven Ter-Tenant Letter Books, containing Accounts of Quit, Crown and Composition Rents,

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paid in to the Treasury:—No. 7. Two Books of Orders and Constats, from Auditor General's Office and Exchequer:—No. 8. Eight Rent Rolls of Quit &c. Rents, divided into Provinces, 1692:—No. 9. Sixty-nine Books, containing Insolvent Lists of Arrears; not in use.

Answers to the QUERIES:

(1.) See the above List.

(2.)—Custom House: In good condition, and secure: Public Property.

(3.)—In general in good condition, and well arranged.

(4.)—Alphabets or Indexes in most of the Books, in good order; no assistance necessary.

(5.)—Clerk of the Quit Rents, Assistant Clerk, and three Clerks, at different Salaries, attend every day, (except Holidays) during Custom House Hours. No Fees taken.

(6.)—The Clerks in general.

(7.)—None.

(8.)—None.

(9.)—I know not of any. *William Bower.*

28th February 1813.

52. SOLICITOR OF KING'S RENTS.

SIR,

I WAS favoured with your Letter; and in reply thereto, beg to state, for the information of the Commissioners of the Public Records in Ireland, that, as Solicitor for the King's Rents, I am merely employed as an Attorney, to sue for the Recovery thereof when in Arrear; and that my Office contains no Public Records whatsoever.

I have the honour to remain, &c.

Samuel Bradshaw,
Solicitor King's Rents.

11th December 1810.

Wm Shaw Mason, Esq. &c. &c.

53. REGISTER OF FORFEITURES.

LIST of BOOKS in the OFFICE of FORFEITURES, deposited in three secure Presses, the proper Officer having the Keys thereof in his possession; each Press, No. 31, 32, 33, being distinguished by an Inscription (CLERK of the FORFEITURES), and the Books arranged, as herein set forth, in the Port Record Room, within His Majesty's Custom House, Dublin. Wherein are recorded the Acts of the Trustees, nominated and appointed by an Act of Parliament made in England, in the eleventh year of the reign of King William the Third, intituled, "An Act for granting an Aid to His Majesty by Sale of the Estates and Interests, forfeited in Ireland by the Rebellion of 1688." These Estates were sold and conveyed by the said Trustees, in 1702 and 1703: And, in obedience to another Act of Parliament, and within forty days after the 24th day of June 1703, they (the said Trustees) delivered over to the Commissioners of the Revenue, all Records, Books, Accounts and Papers, relating to their Commission.

Number of Books.	*In Use.*	*Name of the Book, and Description of its purport.*	*Date commencing.*	*Date ending.*	*Observations.*
1.	- -	Decrees on Claims of Forfeited Estates, since the year 1688.	- - -	- - -	These Books are made of, and engrossed on vellum and in perfect order, having a Docket referring to them. Vide 117 in this Return.
2.	- -	- - - - D° - - -	- - -	- - -	
3.	- -	- - - - D° - - -	- - -	- - -	
4.	- -	- - - - D° - - -	- - -	- - -	
5.	- -	- - - - D° - - -	- - -	- - -	
6.	- -	- - - - D° - - -	- -	- - -	
7.	- -	- - - - D° - - -	- - -	- - -	
8.	- -	- - - - D° - - -	- - -	- - -	
9.	9	- - - - D° - - -	- - -	- - -	
10.	- -	Claims of Forfeited Estates, since the year 1688.			
11.	- -	- - - - D°.			
12.	- -	- - - - D°.			
13.	- -	- - - - D°.			
14.	- -	- - - - D°.			
15.	- -	- - - - D°.			
16.	7	- - - - D°.			

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53. Register of Forfeitures.

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Number of Books.	*In Use.*	*Name of the Book, and Description of its purport.*	*Date commencing.*	*Date ending.*	*Observations.*
17.	- -	Claims of Forfeited Estates, since the year 1688—*continued.*	- - -	- - -	
18.	- -	- - - - D° - - -	- - -	- - -	
19.	- -	- - - - D° - - -	- - -	- - -	
20.	- -	- - - - D° - - -	- - -	- - -	
21.	- -	- - - - D° - - -	- - -	- - -	
22.	- -	- - - - D° - - -	- - -	- - -	These Books are made of, and engrossed on, vellum, and in perfect order, having copious Indexes referring to them. Vide 118, 119, 120, in this Return.
23.	- -	- - - - D° - - -	- - -	- - -	
24.	- -	- - - - D° - - -	- - -	- - -	
25.	- -	- - - - D° - - -	- - -	- - -	
26.	- -	- - - - D° - - -	- - -	- - -	
27.	- -	- - - - D° - - -	- - -	- - -	
28.	- -	- - - - D° - - -	- - -	- - -	
29.	- -	- - - - D° - - -	- - -	- - -	
30.	- -	- - - - D° - - -	- - -	- - -	
31.	22	- - - - D° - - -	- - -	- - -	
32.	1	Additional Claims - -	- - -	- - -	These three Books are made of and engrossed on vellum, and perfect; and there is an Alphabet at the end of each Book.
33.	1	Claims disallowed upon full hearing - - - -	- - -	- - -	
34.	1	Claims dismissed for want of prosecution - - -	- - -	- - -	
35.	- -	Conveyances of Forfeited Estates	- - -	- - -	No. 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, of these Books of Conveyance, are printed on vellum, and blanks left for completing the Deeds of Conveyance; many have been perfected, and others have not. Of the latter description there remain in Books,— No. 36 - - - 41; 37 - - - 46; 38 - - - 47; 39 - - - 26; Imperfect Conveyances - 160
36.	- -	- - - - D° - - -	- - -	- - -	
37.	- -	- - - - D° - - -	- - -	- - -	
38.	- -	- - - - D° - - -	- - -	- - -	
39.	- -	- - - - D° - - -	- - -	- - -	
40.	- -	- - - - D° - - -	- - -	- - -	
41.	7	- - - - D° - - -	- - -	- - -	
42.	-	Depositions.			The above mistake, it is presumed, might have occurred, admitting the Trustees were not able to ascertain the number of Conveyances which would be required previous to the Sale. No. 40 and 41 of these Books of Conveyance, are in manuscript, and the whole in as good preservation as could be expected from the length of time they have been in use. Each Conveyance (when sought for) is immediately found, reference being had to the special Index, intituled Postings on the Sale, and to the proper Abstracts.—Vide 98, 99 and 100, in this Return. It is further to be observed in vindication of the Trustees' conduct (as it respects the foregoing imperfect Conveyances in print) that the above Books 40 and 41 in manuscript, are intituled Special Conveyances, being very long and extensive, so as not to be contained within the narrow compass of the printed Form, which the Trustees are supposed to have prepared for general use.
43.	2	- D°.			
44.	1	Fines and Improvements allowed.			
45.	1	Reports of 13 years Purchasers	- - -	- - -	These Books down to No. 82, are in manuscript and perfectly in order, having Indexes or Alphabets at the end.
46.	- -	Petitions, Reports and Orders -	May 5, 1704.	- - -	
47.	2	- - - - D° - - -	- - -	Dec. 15, 1738.	
48.	- -	Orders - - - -	Oct. 15, 1703.	- - -	
49.	2	- D° - - - - - -	- - -	June 30, 1730.	

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Number of Books.	In use.	Name of the Book, and Description of its purport.	Date commencing	Date ending	Observations.
50.	- -	Arrears in Connaught - -	- - -	- - -	
51.	- -	- - D° - Munster - -	- - -	- - -	
52.	3	- - D° - Leinster - -	- - -	- - -	
53.	- -	Letters - - -			
54.	- -	- D° - - - -	July 17, 1690.	Mar. 23, 1716.	
55.	- -	- D° - - - -			
56.	4	- D° - - - -			
57.	1	Entry of the Claims - -	- - -	- - -	
58.	- -	Rent Roll - - 1691 - -	- - -	- - -	
59.	- -	- D° - - - 1695 - -	- - -	- - -	
60.	- -	- D° - - 1697 & 1698	- - -	- - -	
61.	4	- D° - - 1700 - -	- - -	- - -	
62.	1	Abstract of Arrears of Forfeited Estates - - -	- - -	- - -	
63.	1	Receivers' Accounts - -	- - -	- - -	
64.	- -	Miscellanies - - -	Mar. 16, 1694.	Feb. 17, 1698.	These Books, down to No. 82, are in manuscript, and perfectly in order; having Indexes or Alphabets at the end.
65.	2	- - D° - - -	- - -	- - -	
66.	1	Leases in 1691 - - -	- - -	- - -	
67.	- -	Lands posted and Agreements, 1692 - - - -	- - -	- - -	
68.	2	- - D° - 1692 - -	- - -	- - -	
69.	1	Forfeitures, 1696 - - -	- - -	- - -	
70.	- -	Exchequer Orders - -	May 9, 1693.	Nov. 10, 1696.	
71.	2	- - - D° - - -			
72.	- -	Minutes - - - -			
73.	- -	- D° - - - -			
74.	- -	- D° - - - -			
75.	- -	- D° - - - -			
76.	- -	- D° - - - -			
77.	- -	- D° - - - -	June 14, 1700.	April 17, 1703.	
78.	- -	- D° - - - -			
79.	- -	- D° - - - -			
80.	- -	- D° - - - -			
81.	- -	- D° - - - -			
82.	11	- D° - - - -			
83.	1	Conveyances of forfeited Rectories and Tythes to the respective Bishops.	- - -	- - -	This Book is in manuscript and in perfect order, and is referred to by the said Abstract that refers to the Protestant or 13 years Purchasers.—Vide 101 in this Return.
84.	- -	Discoveries intituled Goods -	- - -	- - -	These Books are in manuscript, and in perfect order, being seldom referred to. The Docket to these Discoveries has no reference to the Books, for it only contains the numbers of the Discoveries and the days and years when they were brought in. The deficiency is made up by an Alphabet at the end of each Book.
85.	- -	- - D° - - Lands -	- - -	- - -	
86.	- -	- - D° - - Debts -	- - -	- - -	
87.	- -	- - D° Lands in Possession	- - -	- - -	
88.	- -	- - D° - Discoveries -	- - -	- - -	
89.	6	- - D° - Orders - -	- - -	- - -	
90.	1	Docket to the Discoveries -	June 8, 1700.	July 23, 1702.	These six Books are in manuscript, and in
91.	- -	Minutes - - -	June 8, 1690.	June 9, 1703.	
92.	2	- D° - - -			

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Number of Books.	*In Use.*	*Name of the Book, and Description, of its Purport.*	*Date commencing.*	*Date ending.*	*Observations.*
93.	- -	Interlocutory Orders - -	June 14, 1700.	Jan. 14, 1701.	and in perfect order; seldom referred to; having each an Alphabet at the end.
94.	- -	- - - D° - - -			
95.	3	- - - D° - - -			
96.	- -	Conveyances to Protestant Purchasers - - - - -	- - -	- - -	These two Books are in manuscript; and they are in perfect order, excepting the cover of 96, which was injured by the fire that broke out at the old Custom House.
97.	2	- - D° - - - - -	- - -	- - -	
98.	1	Postings on the Sale - -	- - -	- - -	This large Book is in print and perfect, though much worn by reason of its being in constant use; it has two Alphabets and refers to the Claims, as well as to the Books of Conveyance.
99.	1	Abstract of Incumbrances on the Cant, for ready money -	- - -	- - -	These three Books are in manuscript, and are perfect, though much worn, being the Indexes to the Books of Conveyance. They have each an Alphabet at the end.
100.	1	Abstract of Conveyances, where credit is given for two thirds	- - -	- - -	
101.	1	Allowances to 13 years Purchasers - - - - -	- - -	- - -	
102.	1	General Abstract of Incumbrances.	- - -	- - -	This Book is in manuscript, and perfect, having an Alphabet at the end.
103.	1	Certificates of Shares of 21,000*l.*	- - -	- - -	This Book is made of and engrossed on vellum, having an Alphabet at the end.
104.	1	Leases of Forfeitures - -	- - -	- - -	These and the foregoing Leases are only for one year prior to the sale. They are but seldom referred to. The Book is in manuscript, and perfect, having an Alphabet.
105.	- -	Reports - - - -	Aug. 19, 1700.	June 9, 1703.	These three Books are in manuscript. They are the Reports (from the Master) of References to the Trustees upon hearing the Claims. They are perfect, and have each an Alphabet at the end.
106.	- -	- D° - - - -			
107.	3	- D° - - - -			
108.	1	Lands in dispute - - -	- - -	- - -	This Book is in manuscript, and perfect, with an Alphabet at the end.
109.	1	Discoveries - - - -	- - -	- - -	These two Books are in manuscript, and in good order, each having an Alphabet at the end.
110.	1	Minutes - - - -	May 5, 1704.	May 6, 1708.	
111.	- -	Contracts with Purchasers -	- - -	- - -	These Books are in print, having an Alphabet at the end. They have been injured by the fire at the old Custom House. They are become useless, and are never referred to.
112.	- -	- - - D° - - -	April 1, 1702.	June 22. 1703.	
113.	- -	- - - - D° - - -			
114.	- -	- - - - D° - - -			
115.	5	- - - - D° - - -			
116.	1	Inventory of the Office of Forfeitures.	- - -	- - -	This Book is in manuscript, and perfect, having an Alphabet at the end. It may be said to be out of use, as it only refers to the original Papers, which are all upon record. They are in a Press by themselves; and it does not appear that any Return has been made of them for many years. They consist of Claims, Petitions, Reports, Contracts with Tenants for one year, Bonds, &c. and Counterparts of old Leases, and other Leases, made by the Grantees to Persons who afterwards became Thirteen Years' Purchasers under the Trustees, when they gave up those Leases, and others were given them by the said Trustees.

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Number of Books.	*In Use.*	*Name of the Book, and Description of its purport.*	*Date commencing.*	*Date ending.*	*Observations.*
117.	1	Docket to the Books of Decrees	- - -	- - -	
118.	1	Alphabet of the Claims - -	- - -	- - -	These three Books are in manuscript, and are in as perfect order as length of time and constant use could admit of.
119.	1	Docket to the Enrolment of the Claims - - - - -	- - -	- - -	
120.	1	List of Claims, as they are entered with the Trustees.	- - -	- - -	This Book is in print, and perfect, but much worn by constant use.

IN this Office there are Forty principal Books of Record; namely, Twenty-two Books of Claims, Nine of Decrees, and Nine of Conveyance, and Eighty of other species, which are but references to the aforementioned Claims, Decrees and Conveyances; making in the whole 120 Books of Record.

The foregoing Observations are, by this Officer, humbly submitted as Answers to the first, second, and third Queries, as proposed by the Right honourable the Commissioners on the Public Records in Ireland.

(4.)—The Indexes are by no means defective, but are much worn, by reason of being in constant use. This Officer has been informed, that the Solicitor of Forfeitures has in his possession a printed List of the Claims, whether public or private property he cannot say; and that there is a Book of Postings on the Sale, in the possession of Mr. Henry Harding, in the Auditor General's Office; which Book refers to the Forfeitures of 1688, and to no other; and which this Officer believes to be private property.

(5.)—There are two Appointments for this Office. The Register, whose Employment is a Sinecure, and whose Income, arising from this Office, amounts to 300*l.* per annum Salary: the Clerk, who is Keeper of the Records, and whose business consists in making Searches, giving Copies, Certificates, &c. and producing in evidence Books of Record in open Court throughout Ireland, when called upon. This Officer has no particular hours for attendance, but must be always in readiness when referred to. The Salary annexed to this Employment is Eighty Pounds per annum; and the FEES established in this Office are as follow; viz.—For producing in Evidence a Book of Record, in Dublin, One Guinea, and One Guinea for the Officer's attendance, 2*l.* 5*s.* 6*d.*:—For an attested Copy, containing one thousand words and upwards, from any of the Books of Record, 1*l.* 2*s.* 9*d.*:—For a Certificate, 13*s.* 4*d.*:—For a Search, 6*s.* 8*d.*—The Fees arising from this Office are very uncertain, and they depend much upon chance, which makes it difficult to ascertain the Amount thereof; the Produce of the three last years being considerably less than at any other former proportionate time, and so very trifling, that this Officer prays to be allowed to go farther back than three years, that he may be enabled to return a just and accurate Account of the Annual Amount of his Office Fees. He estimates his Fees, on an Average for the last three years, at the Annual Amount of only 13*l.* whereas, taking them on an Average for four years past, they would amount to 60*l.* annually.

(6.)—The Records are consigned to the care of the Clerk, and to him only, whose duty it is to make all Searches, as well as to transact the entire business of this Office. He is called the Clerk and Keeper of the Records, or the Acting Officer, or otherwise the Proper Officer, who by virtue of his Commission, has the power of attesting and making out Certificates in his own name, which is his prerogative.

(7.)—This Officer has nothing further to observe in this his Return.

Charles Taylor,
Clerk.

30th October 1810.

54. SOLICITOR FOR FORFEITED ESTATES.

SIR, Merrion-street, October 30th, 1810.

IN answer to your official Letter of the 18th September last, requiring from me, by directions of the Commissioners of Public Records in Ireland, full and distinct Answers to the Queries thereby transmitted, I am to acquaint you, that there are not, nor ever were, any Public Records, Rolls, Instruments, Manuscripts, Books or Papers, in my custody as Keeper of said Records; and I apprehend, that the proper Person to resort to for the information you want, is the Register of Forfeitures.

I have the honour to be, Sir, &c.

Robert Reeves,
Solicitor for Forfeited Estates.

Wm Shaw Mason, Esquire,
&c. &c. &c.

55. SURVEYOR GENERAL, &c.

The ANSWERS of His Majesty's SURVEYOR GENERAL of CROWN LANDS and HONORS in Ireland, to the QUERIES of the Commissioners of Records; received in 1810.

(1.)—THE Public Records in this Office are, certain Maps of several Districts of Lands in Ireland; the description whereof has been stated to the Commissioners of Inquiry, in the Examination on Oath before them, on 19th and 24th February 1806, by Richard Underwood, Esquire, at that time Deputy Surveyor General of Lands and Honors, and by General Vallancey, on 24th July 1806; a copy of which Examinations I beg leave here to set forth, in my Answer to this Quere; and I beg leave also to subjoin, a copy of Two Statements, laid at the same time before the said Commissioners, of the Maps in this Office.

The Examinations of Mr. Richard Underwood; taken on Oath, the 19th and 24th February 1806: "This "Examinant saith, That he is Deputy Surveyor General of Lands belonging to His Majesty in Ireland. "In this Office are kept the Maps of the Down Survey, which were made by Sir William Petty, of the "Lands forfeited in consequence of the Rebellion of 1641, except such Maps as were burned by a Fire, "which happened in 1711; in some cases, they contain Lands which were not forfeited. The Office also "contains Copies of the Barony Maps, which he understands were taken by General Vallancey from the Originals "in Paris. The Commissioners of Excise frequently apply to this Office, for the purpose of ascertaining the "situation of Lands, when Quit and other Rents cannot be collected, on account of the situation of the Lands "being unknown to the Collectors; in such cases, the Deputy Surveyor General gives copies of the Maps "from the Down Survey, which ascertains the Counties, Baronies, Parishes, Town Lands, quantity of Lands, "Situations and Boundaries, and the names of the adjoining Lands; and in cases where the Down Survey has "been burned by the Fire of 1711, or otherwise destroyed or lost, in consequence of said Fire, he gives copies "from the Barony Maps made by General Vallancey. "*Richard Underwood.*"

The Examination of General Charles Vallancey; taken on Oath, the 24th July 1806: "This Examinant "saith, That the Maps which he brought over from France, were exact copies of all Sir William Petty's Maps, "lodged in the King's Library at Paris. That the set of Maps at Paris were bound in two volumes, and did "not appear to have suffered any injury, or to have undergone any alteration. "*Charles Vallancey.*"

(2.)—The said Records are lodged in a small room in the attic story of the Treasury, in the Castle of Dublin. The Office appears, from its being in the Castle, to be perfectly sufficient, as to security; but the accommodation is very inadequate; first, in respect of the room being unprovided with a fire-place, for the purpose of keeping the Records free from damp; secondly, in respect of its being so small, as scarcely to be sufficient for executing the duties of the Office, when recourse is had to the Records, by Persons applying for that purpose; it would be very desirable, that some better situation in the Castle should be assigned for the Office.

(3.)—The answer to this is given in that to Quere 1st.

(4.)—There are Indexes to the Books of Maps which are in the Office, which render resort to each Map easy and expeditious.

(5.)—The only Officer attending in the Office is the Deputy Surveyor General; the duties of that Officer are as follow:—The custody of the Maps; the making, when required so to do, Surveys of Lands, preparatory to Grants thereof, proposed to be made by the Crown; the copying of Maps, when required so to do, for the purpose of ascertaining Lands, which in the Rent Roll of the Crown are charged with Rents payable to the Crown; the making of Searches, preparatory to the inspection of the Maps, and the making of copies thereof, when required so to do, for Suitors in the Courts of Law, and all other Persons applying for the same; the duties of the Office are merely ministerial. There are no Salaries or Emoluments paid by the Public, but the Salary of the Surveyor General, of 600*l.* per annum, charged on the Civil List, subject to deduction at the Exchequer. There are Fees payable, according to an ancient Table, belonging to the Office, viz.—A Search, 5*s.* 5*d.*; Search and Certificate, 8*s.* 9*d.*; and for a Trace of each Surround of Lands, containing 100 acres and upwards, 13*s.* 4*d.*; and for each Surround of Land under 100 acres, 6*s.* 8*d.*; such Fees are payable by the Persons applying at the Office, are received by the Deputy, and are all assigned by the Surveyor General to him for his own use; their Amount is variable, and proportionate to the duties performed by him. I cannot (from my own knowledge) state what the average Amount of Fees may be, for the last Three Years, not having been so long Deputy in the Office of Surveyor General of Lands; but I beg leave to add, that Returns of their Amount have been repeatedly laid before Parliament. There is no specific Regulation for attendance at the Office; but it has been my practice, since my appointment, to attend daily, for the execution of such business as may from time to time offer.

(6.)—This Quere is answered in Answer the 5th.

(7.)—I have nothing to submit in Answer to this Quere, save the particulars heretofore stated, which seem to afford the information desired by this last Quere.

John Sheehan,
Deputy Surveyor General of Lands, &c.

September 1811.

Dublin Castle, Surveyor General of Lands, &c. Office.

AN ACCOUNT of the MAPS of the DOWN SURVEY of several Counties in Ireland, remaining in the Office of His Majesty's Surveyor General of Lands, &c.

Counties.	*Baronies.*	*In Books, or loose Leaves.*	*State of the Maps.*
ANTRIM	Toome Antrim Kilconway Glenarme	One Book	Maps entire.
ARMAGH	Orien Fews	Part of one Book.	Maps entire, and bound in the same Book with Maps of parts of the County of Down and Tyrone.
ARMAGH	Armagh Towranny O'Neallan	Loose Leaves	Maps partly burned.
CARLOW	Ravilly Forth Catherlogh Idrony St. Mullins	Part of one Book.	Maps entire, and bound in the same Book with Maps of parts of the County of Wicklow.
CAVAN	Castlerahan Clonmoghan Loghtee Tullaghgarvey Clonchy Tullaghagh	Loose Leaves	Maps partly burned.
CORK	Imokilly Barrimore Cork, North Liberties Cork, South Liberties Kinsale Ibaune and Bainroe Barrets Bantry and Beare Muskerry Kiricurihy Kinclea Carbury	One Book	Maps entire.
	Fermoy Orrery & Kilmore Duhallo Condon and Clongibbon	Loose Leaves	Maps partly burned.
DONEGALL	Tyrehugh Boylagh and Bannagh Raphoe Killmacrenan Ennishowen	Part of one Book.	Maps entire, and bound with Maps of parts of the County of Armagh and Tyrone.
DOWNE	Kincalty Lower Evagh	Part of one Book.	Maps entire, and bound with Maps of parts of the Counties of Armagh and Tyrone.
	Arras Upper Evagh Lecale	Loose Leaves	Maps partly burned.

APPENDIX.

Exchequer: Revenue.

55. Surveyor General, &c.

The Account of Maps of the DOWN SURVEY, &c.—*continued.*

Counties.	*Baronies.*	*In Books, or loose Leaves.*	*State of the Maps.*
DUBLIN	Rathdown, Newcastle, Coolock, Castlenock, Nethercross, Balrodery, Upper Cross	One Book	Maps entire.
EAST MEATH	Dunboyne, Ratoath, Duleek, Moyfemagh, Kells, Foor	One Book	Maps entire.
	Skreen, Decies, Moyrgallion, Lune, Navan, Slane	Loose Leaves	Maps are partly burned, and a few entire.
FERMANAGH	Magherestaphana, Clanawley, Maghereboy	Loose Leaves	A few of the Maps are partly burned, and some remain entire.
GALWAY These three Maps are bound in the rough Distribution Book, which contains the Denominations, &c. of Forfeited Lands in parts of the Counties of Galway and Waterford.	Athenry, Loughrea, Donkellan	- - - - - - -	One Map, intituled, "The Plot of the Town and Lands of Athenry, with several other Lands within the said Parish and half Barony and Liberties of Athenry, situate and being in the County of Galway." One Map, intituled, "The Plot of the Town of Loughrea, in the half Barony of and Parish of Loughrea and County of Galway, lately belonging to the Earl of Clanricarde." One Map, intituled, "The Plot of several Lands in the Estate, Liberties of Galway, and Parish of St. Nicholas, with a parcel of Roscan, of the Parish of Oranmore and Barony of Donkellan, with other Liberties of Galway and Parish of St. Nicholas, Galway; as also of several other Lands in the Parish of Rahoon and Barony of Mecullen, and County of Galway.
KILDARE	Naas, Carbury, Kilcullen, Clain, Keath & Oughterany, Great Connel, Salt, Ophaly	Loose Leaves	The central parts of the Maps only remain the rest having been burned.
KILKENNY	Fassaghdining, Galmoy, Cranagh, Kilkenny City, Liberties, Gowran Callan, Liberties	Part of one Book	Maps entire, and bound in the same Book with Maps, parts of the Queen's County.
	Idagh, Igrin, and Ibercon, Iverke, Kells, Knocktopher, Sheelelogher	Loose Leaves	A few of the Maps are partly burned, and many are entire.

The Account of Maps of the DOWN SURVEY, &c.—*continued.*

Counties.	*Baronies.*	*In Books, or loose Leaves.*	*State of the Maps.*
KING'S COUNTY -	Coolestowne - -	One Book - - -	Maps entire.
	Warranstowne - -		
	Phillipstowne - -		
	Ballicowen - - -		
	Kilcoursie - - -		
	Ballyboy - - - -		
	Clonliske - - -		
	Ballybritt - - -	Loose Leaves - -	A few of the Maps are burned, and some are entire.
	Eglish Barony, and Forcale Territory		
	Garricastle - - -		
	Geshill - - - -		
LEITRIM - - -	Carrigallan - - -	One Book - - -	Maps entire.
	Moyhil - - - -		
	Leitrim - - - -		
	Dromagher - - -		
	Roseclogher - - -		
LIMERICK - - -	Limerick, South Liberties - - -	One Book - - -	Maps entire.
	Clan William - -		
	Owthne Begg, small County - - -		
	Coshma - - - -		
	Kilmallock Liberties		
	Costlea - - - -		
	Conello - - - -	Loose Leaves - -	Maps partly burned.
	Kennery - - - -		
	Poble Bryan - -		
	Coonagh - - - -	- - - - - - -	A small part of Coonagh Barony Map only remains.
LONDONDERRY - -	Kenought - - -	Part of One Book -	Maps entire, and bound in the same Book with Maps of part of the County of Donegall.
	Coleraine Barony -		
	Coleraine Liberties		
	Loshinshollin - -		
	Jerkerin - - - -		
LONGFORD - - -	Moyden - - - -	One Book - - -	Maps entire.
	Ardagh - - - -		
	Granard - - - -		
	Longford - - -		
	Abbey Shrewle - -	Loose Leaves - -	Maps mostly entire.
	Rathlin - - - -		
LOUTH - - - -	Dundalk - - - -	Loose Leaves - -	The central parts of eleven Maps only remain, the rest having been burned.
	Atherdee - - -		
	Louth - - - -		
	Ferrard - - - -		
MAYO - - - - -	Tyrawley - - - -	Loose Leaves - -	Maps partly burned.
MONAGHAN - -	Dartry - - - -	Loose Leaves - -	Maps partly burned.
	Cremorne - - -		
	Monaghan - - -		
	Trough - - - -		
QUEEN'S COUNTY -	Upper Ossory - -	Part of One Book -	Maps entire, and bound in the Book of part of Kilkenny County.
	Ballyadams - - -		
	Cullenagh - - -	Loose Leaves - -	A few Maps are partly burned, and several are entire.
	Maryborough - -		
	Portnehenchin - -		
	Slewmargie - - -		
	Stradbally - - -		
	Tennehinch - - -		

The Account of Maps of the DOWN SURVEY, &c.—*continued.*

Counties.	*Baronies.*	*In Books, or loose Leaves.*	*State of the Maps.*
SLIGO	Laney Tirralie Carbury Tyrreragh Corran	Loose Leaves	Maps partly burned.
TIPPERARY	Slevardagh & Compsy Kilnemanagh Kilnelaugurty Upper Ormond Lower Ormond Owny and Arra	One Book	Maps Entire.
	Middlethird Clanwilliam Eliogurty Ikerin	Loose Leaves	Maps partly burned.
TYRONE	Dungannon Strabane Omagh	Part of One Book	Maps entire, and bound in the same Book with Maps of parts of the Counties of Armagh and Downe.
	Clogher		This Map only describes the Boundaries of the Barony of Clogher, with the Sites of the Towns of Augher and Clogher; and there are not any Maps of any of the Parishes in said Barony.
WATERFORD	Galtier Middlethird Upperthird Glanchery	One Book	Maps entire.
WESTMEATH	Kilkenny, West Rathconrath Moycashell and Magheredernon Fentullagh Demifoore Ferbile Delvil Moycashell Clonlonnan Brawney Cookerry Moygorish	One Book	Maps entire.
WEXFORD	Bantry Skeelmaleer Bargy Forth Scarwalch Ballagheene Gorey Sheelbourne	One Book	Maps entire.
WICKLOW	Rathdowne Newcastle Arklow Ballinecur Talbottstowne	One Book	Maps entire.

EXTRACT from a Paper in the Surveyor General's Office, which appears to have been made out by Doctor Richard Stone, Surveyor General of Lands, in the Reign of Queen Anne, at the time the Fire happened.

Her Majesty's Surveyor General's Office, consisted chiefly in the following Surveys; viz.

THE STRAFFORD, DOWNE, CIVIL AND GROSS SURVEYS.

The STRAFFORD Survey (which contained the admeasurement of the Province of Connaught, and some part of Munster) is entirely lost, together with all other Books and Papers thereunto belonging; the CIVIL and GROSS Surveys are also entirely lost, excepting some scraps, which, when put in order, may be of some use, "The rest of the Leaf torn away."

The above is a true Copy.

July 20th, 1806. *Richard Underwood.*

Dublin Castle, Surveyor General of Lands, &c. Office.

AN ACCOUNT of the BARONY MAPS deposited in this Office, by GENERAL VALLANCEY.

Counties.	*Baronies.*	*Counties.*	*Baronies.*
ANTRIM	Caril.	CORK—*continued*	Cork Liberties.
	Dunluce.		Barretts.
	Kilconway.		Kirrycurrihy & Kinaha.
	Glenarme.		Muskerry.
	Antrim.		Kenealmeaky.
	Toome.		Kinsale Liberties.
	Belfast.		Coursey.
	Massareene.		Carbury and Ibaune.
	Carrickfergus.		Beare and Bantry.
	County Palatine.		Barrira.
ARMAGH	Onilan.		
	Ardmagh.	DUNNAGALL	Ennishowen.
	Tourane.		Kilmacreuran.
	Fewes.		Raphoe.
	Orier.		Tirchugh.
CATHERLOGH	Ravilly.	DOWNE	Ards.
	Catherlogh.		Lecale.
	Forth.		Kinalearty.
	Idronie.		Lower Evagh.
	St. Mullins.		Upper Evagh.
CAVAN	Tullagh.	DUBLIN	Balruddery.
	Tullaghonoho.		Nethercross.
	Loghtee.		Castlenock.
	Tullaghgarvey.		Coolock.
	Clonchy.		Newcastle.
	Castlerahan.		Half Rathdowne.
	Clonmoghan.		Upper Cross.
CLARE	Corcumroe.	EAST MEATH	Slane.
	Bunratty.		Morgallion.
	Moyfulagh.		Kells.
CORK	Duhallo.		Half Foor.
	Orrery and Kilmore.		Lune.
	Armoy alias Fermoy, and		Navan.
	Liberties of Mallow.		Dulleek.
	Condon and Clongibbon.		Skreene.
	Killnatallone.		Ratoath.
	Imokelly.		Dunboyne.
	Barrimore.		Deca.
			Moyfanagh.

The Account of Barony Maps, &c.—*continued.*

Counties.	*Baronies.*	*Counties.*	*Baronies.*
Fermanagh	Mahereboy.	Limerick— *(continued.)*	Conello.
	Magheristaphana.		Coshma.
	Clanawley.		Killmallock Liberties.
			Coshla.
Kerry	Irugticonner.		
	Clanmorris.	Londonderry	Colerain Liberties.
	Corkaguinney.		Coleraine.
	Traughanackny.		Kenought.
	Mogunrichy.		Iyrekerin.
	Glanneroughty.		Loghinshollin.
	Dunkerone.		
	Iveragh.	Longford	Longford.
			Granard.
Kildare	Carbury.		Adagh.
	I-Keathey and Oughterony.		Moyden.
	Sact.		Ruthlin.
	Naas.		Abby Shrewle.
	Claine.		
	Great Connell.	Louth	Dundalk.
	Ophaly.		Louth.
	Norrugh and Rabane.		Atherdee.
	Half Kilcullen.		Ferrard.
	Killeeah and Moone.		
		Mayo	Tirrawley.
Kilkenny	Tassidinning.		
	Galmoy.	Monaghan	Trough.
	Crannagh.		Monaghan.
	Kilkenny Liberties.		Dartry.
	Gowran.		Cremorne.
	Shulogher.		
	Callan Liberties.	Queen's	Portnahinch.
	Kells.		Tenehinch.
	Knocktopher.		Upper Ossory.
	Iverke.		Maryborough.
	Ida, Igrin, and Ibercorn.		Stradbally.
			Balliadams.
King's	Garricastle.		Cullinagh.
	Eglish alias Forcale.		Sleumargie.
	Balliboy.		
	Ballicomen.	Sligo	Carbury.
	Killcoursey.		Tirrekill.
	Geshill, Index, but the Map not in the Office.		Corran.
			Coolavin.
	Phillipstown.		Indexed, but not in the Office.
	Warrenstown.		Fineragh.
	Ballybritt.		Leyney.
	Clonlisk.		
		Tipperary	Lower Ormond.
Leitrim	Rosclogher.		Upper Ormond.
	Duahier.		Owny and Arra.
	Leitrim.		Killnelongurty Territory.
	Carrigallon.		Illiagh Territory.
	Moyhill.		Ikerin Half Barony.
			Half Eliogurty.
Limerick	Limerick, North Liberties.		Slevardagh and Compsy.
	Limerick, South Liberties.		Middle Third.
			Killnemanagh.
	Clanwilliam.		Clanwilliam.
	Abbey Oughthinnybeg.		Iffa and Offa.
	Counagh.		
	Small County.	Tyrone	Strabane.
	Poble Bryan.		Omagh.
	Kenny.		Dungannon.

The Account of BARONY MAPS, &c.—*continued.*

Counties.	*Baronies.*	*Counties.*	*Baronies.*
WATERFORD - -	Gaultier. Waterford Liberties. Middlethird. Upper Third. Glanchery. Ducies. Coshmore and Coshbride.	WEXFORD - - -	Gorey. Scarwelch. Ballaghcene. Bantry. Sheenmaleer. Shulburne. Bargie. Forth.
WESTMEATH - -	Half Foor. Moygoish. Cockency. Moyashel alias Magherederno. Farbill. Turtullagh. Moycashell. Ruthcomath.	WICKLOW - - -	Half Rathdowny. Talbotstowne. Ballineur. New Castle. Arklow.
	Kilkenny, West. Brawney. Clonlonan.		

Richard Underwood,
Deputy Surveyor General of Lands.

July 26, 1806.

N. B. In this Office also remain Maps of several detached denominations of Lands, surveyed at different times by Order of the Court of Exchequer.

John Sheean,
Deputy Surveyor General of Crown Lands, &c.

September 12, 1811.

56. ESCHEATOR OF LEINSTER.

ANSWER to the QUERIES from the Commissioners on the Public Records.

I WAS appointed to the Office of Escheator of Leinster, upon the death of the late James Glascock, Esquire, my Grand-Uncle, who held the same for several years.

I could not find that he ever kept any of the Documents alluded to in the foregoing set of Queries; and am inclined to think he never had such, nor have I found it necessary to keep any such.

Walter Glascock,
Escheator of Leinster.

To Wm Shaw Mason, Esquire,
&c. &c. &c.

(3.) *Of Account, or Equity Side.*

57. THE KING'S OR CHIEF REMEMBRANCER.

The RETURN of the DEPUTY CHIEF REMEMBRANCER, in ANSWER to the QUERIES transmitted to him by the Secretary to His Majesty's Commissioners on the Public Records of Ireland, pursuant to their Order.

(1.)—THE Records in this Office consist of Memorandum Rolls of the Equity Side of the Court of Exchequer, from the Reign of Edward I. to the present time, on which various matters, besides the Decrees of the Court and Audito Compoto are enrolled; such as Charters of Towns, Letters Patent, Wards, Liveries, Acts of Parliament, &c. To these there is no Index or Repertorium previous to the reign of Edward VI.; from which time to the time of Charles II. there is a very good Repertorium, but no Index. From the time of Charles II. to the present time, the Repertorium and Indexes are very good.—Bundles of Inquisitions post Mortem, likewise Inquisitions on the surrender of Monasteries, the Estates of attainted Persons, and the Value of Ecclesiastical Benefices, from the 1st of Henry VIII. to the Reign of James I.—Some few Bundles of Charles I. and the Usurper Cromwell; and also some of Charles II. and William and Mary: and to these there is a Repertorium from Henry VIII. to James I. but no Index; nor is there any means of reference whatsoever to the remainder. The whole of the above are in a very bad condition, many torn and mutilated, and others lost.—Thirty Rolls of Certificates granted to Adventurers Soldiers, in the time of the Usurpation:—Thirteen Rolls of Decrees of the Commissioners in favour of innocent Papists, tem. Charles II.:—Eight Rolls of the Reducement of Quit Rents in 1670:—Seven Rolls of Certificates of Persons transplanted into Connaught, in the time of the Usurpation. To the last four of this description there are very good Indexes, well written, in parchment Books:—Many

APPENDIX.

Exchequer: Equity Side.

57. Chief Remembrancer.

Rolls of Decisions of the Commissioners under the Act of Settlement, to which there is an Index on each Roll, but no General Index.

There are in this Office; The Red Book of the Exchequer, containing several ancient Statutes and different Writs of Privilege:—A Valor Beneficiorum on parchment, made out from the Inquisitions:—Books containing Entries on Sales, pursuant to the Decrees of the Court of Exchequer, commencing in the year 1730, and continuing to the present time, with Alphabets:—Charges and Discharges filed by the different Suitors of the Court, with the Officers' Reports thereon; from the year 1680 to the present:—Also, Bonds passed by the different Collectors of His Majesty's Revenue, and other Persons indebted to His Majesty, with the several Proceedings thereon:—Informations filed by His Majesty's Attorney General ex Officio; and also by different other Persons on the part of His Majesty (which are in the nature of English Bills,) with the Answers thereto, and other Proceedings thereon:—English Bills, filed by Suitors in the said Court, with the Answers thereto, and the different other necessary Pleadings; the Rules, Orders and Decrees, made in such Causes, and Entries of the different Writs and Process which issue in such Causes. I am not able to state any particular chasms or deficiency in the said Records, none such having come to my knowledge, save some parcels of Bills, Answers and Exceptions in the Filacer's Office, which are torn and separated into several parts, and have never been regulated or put together since they have been removed from the old Offices; and chiefly are Records or Pleadings from the year 1764 to 1778, from which latter period to the present, the Pleadings are in regular order.

(2.)—The Records are lodged in the Office in the West Quadrangle of the Building adjoining the Four Courts; which, having been built expressly for the purpose, affords very good accommodation for the keeping thereof. This Building is the property of the Public.

(3.)—Generally speaking, the Records in this Office are in good preservation, with the exception of the Records before referred to. They are arranged in Presses in the said Office; as those in the Filacer's Office, Bills, Answers, Pleas, Demurrers, Exceptions, Replications and Rejoinders, commencing in the year 1674, and continuing in regular succession from the said period to the present time. The above Records are laid flat in Presses in the said Office, and afford sufficient facility for the convenience of the Public. In the Secondary's Office, the Records are Recognizances entered into in Causes depending in said Court, and also by Sheriffs on their entering into office; which are kept in covered Books, and commence in the year 1661, and continue to the present time:—Bonds passed by the different Collectors of His Majesty's Revenue on their appointment; and also, Bonds passed conditioned for the delivery of the Goods at particular Ports; and generally, Bonds passed to His Majesty, which are found necessary to be put in suit:—Informations filed by His Majesty's Attorney General against Debtors to His Majesty, or for the Discovery of Estates claimed by the Crown (which Informations are similar to the English Bills,) with the Answers thereto, and other Proceedings thereon, from the year 1692 to the present time:—The different Proceedings taken to inforce payment under the Bonds before mentioned, against Debtors to His Majesty and their Sureties:—Personal Interrogatories, filed under possessory Bills, with the Answers thereto, from the year 1700 to the present time:—Books of Enrolment of Custodiams, from the year 1730 to the present time:—Books for the entry of Process issued in said Court in Causes therein depending, from the year 1669 to the present time:—The Enrolment of Deeds of Exchange of Glebe Lands; and also of Leases and Grants of Lands for Barracks and other Public Works. There is also, in the Secondary's Office, the Black Book of the Exchequer, principally consisting of Precedents of Writs and Oaths of Office.

In the Register's Office, the Records are; Books, from the year 1674 to 1732, containing Entries of the Rules and Orders of the Equity Side of the Exchequer; and also, Entries of the Hearing of Causes in said Court during said period, with a complete Alphabet to each Book:—Books containing Entries of the Rules and Orders of said Court, from said year 1732 to the present time, with a complete Alphabet to each Book:—Books containing Entries of the Hearing of Causes in said Court, from said year 1732 to the present time, with the exception of the Book of the year 1796, which is not forthcoming; with a complete Alphabet to each Book:—Four Books, containing Orders of the Court of Claims from 1654 to 1674: There is no Alphabet or Index to these four Books:—Engrossments of Decrees of said Court of Exchequer, from 1641 to the present time:—Engrossments of said Decrees, from the year 1669 to the present time:—Repertorium Books of the said Enrolments:—Depositions of Witnesses, taken by Commission, from the year 1650 to the present time:—Repertorium Books of said Depositions, with an Alphabet:—Submissions, from 1716 to the present year:—Awards, from 1700 to the present time:—Petitions for Receivers, from 1772 to the present:—Petitions for Money, from 1785 to the present time:—Barons' Reports, from 1719 to the present time:—Affidavits, from 1694 to the present time.

(4.)—There are very satisfactory Indexes to the different Records contained in this Office, so far as the same have come within my general observation; and sufficient to obviate any inconvenience to the Public, save so far as I have stated in my Answer to the first Quere: to complete the matters stated as deficient in which, will require the assistance of a Person experienced in the old Court hand; and with such assistance same could in a very short time be completed. It would, however, be desirable that the whole of the Records in this Office should be in some degree revised; same having been removed to their present situation

in the year and since that time not having been generally examined; and although no inconvenience is actually suffered, it would be, as I conceive, well to have such a general examination.

(5.)—The Officers and Clerks employed in this Office are; the Deputy Chief Remembrancer, the Register, and two Clerks; the Filacer, his Deputy, and one Clerk; a Clerk in the Secondary's Office, and an Assistant. The several Officers are charged with the custody of the Records in their different departments, and are answerable for the same. The Fees chargeable are 3*s.* 4*d.* for each Search, 2*s.* 8*d.* for each Certificate, and 6*d.* per Office Sheet for each Copy of any Record.

(6.)—It is the Duty of the several Officers, to take care that each Record is restored to its proper place after Search; and (so far as I am able to judge) the several Officers are accurate in so doing. With reference to the very ancient Records, in the old Court hand, it is found necessary occasionally to call in the assistance of an experienced Person, who makes such Searches as may be required, under the inspection of some of the established Officers or Clerks.

(7.)—I have (so far as I can) answered this Quere by my several Answers to the preceding Queries, and do not find it necessary to suggest any thing further.

A LIST of the several OATHS of OFFICE, and of the OFFICERS usually sworn into Office, by the Secondary of this Court, specifying such as are now discontinued:—Lord Mayor of the City of Dublin; Commissioners of Excise and Customs; Sub-Commissioners and Collectors; Vice-Treasurer and his Deputy; Clerk of the Tallies and Counter Tallies; Clerk of the Pells; Chief Remembrancer and his Deputy; Clerk of the Pleas and his Deputy; * Comptroller; * Searcher; Foreign Apposer and Transcriptor; Escheator; Usher; Usher to the Lord Treasurer; Messenger; Summonister and Clerk; * Customer and Collector; Chief and Second Chamberlain; Pursuivant; Second or Treasurer's Remembrancer, and his Deputy; Remembrancer's Clerk, and Receiver of the First Fruits; * Accountant General; Chief Engrosser and Clerk of the Pipe; Surveyor General; * Comptroller General of the Revenue; Register for registering Deeds, Wills and so forth, and his Deputy; Usher and Marshal; Examinator; Auditor of Foreign Accounts; Commissioners of Appeals; * Deputy Surveyor General of Customs; Commissioners of Stamps; Commissioners of Impressed Accounts; Attornies; Sheriffs of the several Counties in Ireland.—N. B. The different subordinate Officers in the Customs and Excise are now sworn in before the Chief Commissioner at the Custom House; those marked thus * are discontinued.

Frederick Thompson,
Deputy Chief Remembrancer.

An Appendix to the foregoing Returns:

Containing Extracts from Records in the CHIEF REMEMBRANCER'S OFFICE; viz.—A Copy of Contents of the Red Book of the Exchequer, and Three Articles therein referred to, from pages 76, 77, and 78; also, of Two Articles from the Memoranda Rolls, one of them containing a Precept for seizing the Property of the Knights Templars; and Three Copies of Inquisitions, taken on the Suppression of Monasteries and other Occasions.

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scilt

Ex Cod. ms. voc. " Red Book of the Exchequer,"
[in Offic. Rem. Regis Scac. Hib.]

No. 1.

Juramentū Justic̃.

Vo⁹ Justice juretz q̃ bien ⁊ lealment ꝯviretz au Roi en loffitz de Justicerie ⁊ droit^r e a vr̃e poair freetz as tous ansy bien a povres com a richesse ⁊ q̃ p^r hautesse ne p^r richesse ne p^r haio^r ne p^r estat de nully ꝑsone ne bien fait doñ ne ꝑmesse de nully q̃ fait vo⁹ soit, ou vo⁹ p^r roi estr̃ fait ne ꝑ art ne ꝑ engyne autr̃ droit^r e ne desturberetz ne respiteretz contr̃ resoñ ⁊ contr̃ les leis de la ꝯre, mes sancz regard̃ de nully estat ne de nully ꝑsone lealment freetz droit^r e a chescun solonc les leis usees ⁊ q̃ null̃ rien ꝑndretz de nully p^r tort faire ou droit delayer̃ &c̃.

No. 2.

[Ex Magnâ Chartâ Hen. III. Hiberniensibus. in Cod. eodem.]

Henricus Dei gr̃a Rex Anglie Dñs Hyb̃nie. Dux Normañ & Aquit̃. comes Andegavie. Archiep̃is, Ep̃is, Abbatibȝ, Comitibȝ, Baronibȝ, Justiciar̃, Forestar̃, Vicecomitibȝ, ꝑpõitis Ministris Om̄ibȝ. ballivis ⁊ fidelibȝ suis salutem. Sciatis nos intuitu dī ⁊ pro salute anime nr̃e ⁊ omniū antcessoꝝ ⁊ successoꝝ nr̃oꝝ ad honorem Dei ⁊ exaltac̃oem sc̃e Ecclie ⁊ emendac̃om Regni nr̃i. ꝑ consilium venerabilium patrum nr̃oꝝ dñi Guale. t̃ t̃. sc̃i Martini ꝑsbiꝯi cardinał apostolice sedis legati. P. Wintoñ. L. de sc̃o Assapho. J. Bathoñ ⁊ Glastoñ. S. Exoñ. R. Cicestreñ. W. Coventr̃. D. Roffeñ. H. Londoñ.

No. 3.

[Articuli Clericorum, &c. libertates spectantes 19 Edw. I. ex eodem.]

. . . . .]Justic̃ Hyb̃n a die Pasche in tres septimañ Anno. R.R. Edwardi decimo nono.

1. Articl̃s. { Si fur vł lat° vł aliq^l s feloniam cōmittens t^nsitum fecerit ꝑ loca ubi aliquis ꝑlatus vł clericus infra sac°s constitut⁹ existat, qui clamorem si non fecerit ꝑ quem clamorem fur vł latro feloniamve cōmittens capi possit. ꝑlatus vł Clericus predc̃us attachi[. . . ꝑ minist°s seculares ⁊ carceri mancipabit^r. sicut patet de quodam płcio de Esmayn incarc̃ato apd̃ Roscre ꝑ minist°s dñi Regis.

Respons. { Si simplicit̃ ex causa tali respondet^r q^d non est incarcerandus. Sed si subfuerit legitiā, potest. Sciat^r ergo rac̃o carc̃o[. . . . Et fiet justicia.—— Sequit^r responc̃o ꝑ Regem.

Rex. { Rex vult q^d nullus Clericus ut ꝑmittit^r arestet^r in tali casu vł clamor hujusmodi levet^r ꝑ eum aut ea de causa in aliquo [. . . seu licet clamorem non levaverit, occ̃onetur.

No. 4.

[Statutum, Westm. 1. ex eodem.]

Ces sunt les establisemenz le Rey Edward le fiz le Rey Henry, fez a Weymoster a son ꝑmer parlement general apres son corounement, apres la Cluse Paske lan de son Regne tierz, par son conseil e par le assentement des Erceveskes, Eveskes, Abbes, Priurs, Contes, Barons, ⁊ la cōmunaute de la tere ileokes somons. Pur ceo ke nostre seygnur le Rey ad graunt volente et desir del estat de son Reaume adrescer̃ en les choses ou mestier est del amendement e ceo pur le cōmun profit de seint Eglise e del reaume. Et pur ceo q̃ lestat de seint Eglise ad este maumene, e les prelaz e les religious de la tere grevez en muls demañes ⁊ le poeple autrement trete, e la pees meins garde q̃ estre ne deust e les leys mesusees e les mesfesaunz meins punis q̃ estre ne dussent pur quei les genz docerent le meins a mesfere ; si ad le Rey ordine e establi les choses de suz escrites q̃ il entent q̃ seient̃ profitables e covenables a tut le Reaume.

Ex. Cod. ms. voc. "Red Book of the Exchequer."

No. 1.

Judgment for Justice

[illegible]

No. 2.

Henricus dei gra Rex Anglie Dns Hybnie & Dux Aquit. & Jor mem. & Illustr. Com. Andegauor. Archiepisc. Epis. Abbatib. Comitib. Baronib. Justic. Vicecomitib. Prepositis & Omnibus ballivis & fidelibus suis salutem. Quia volumus & dr & pro salute anime nre & omnium antecessorum nrorum ad honorem dei & exaltacionem sce ecclie & emendacionem regni nri per consilium venerabilium patrum nrorum dni Gualt. tit. sci martini presbiti cardinal. apostolice sedis legati. W. Cantuar. Archiepi. de eod assapho. J. Bathon & Glaston. Epi. Coventr. Archiepi. Rothomag. Archiepi. Dublin.

No. 3.

[illegible]

Et sur ceo lur fut alege solempnement comaundez qe si nul ou nul autre de quelconque estat ou condicion qil soit ou serra hors de cest reaume ou dedeins ou de quelconque part de la terre de la seignurie le Rey ou de ses enemys ou rebelx ou de ceux qui sount ou serrount en guerre ouertement ou en trewes ou en abstinence de guerre ou de ceux qui tendrount ou aherdrount as ditz enemys ou rebelx ou a lun de eux ou qui serrount de lour bende ou de lour alliance ou qui lur serrount aidauntz ou confortauntz en quelconque manere ou qui ne serrount pas obeissauntz au Rey ou a ses ministres en ceste partie ou qui ne voudrount pas venir a la pees ou qui ne voudrount pas estre gouernez par la ley ou qui ne voudrount pas estre obeissauntz a la ley ou qui ne voudrount pas estre obeissauntz a la pees

Ex offic. Rememor. Regis Scac. Hib.

E Rotulis vocat. "*Memoranda Rolls.*"

No. 1.

[5 & 6. Edw. III.]

p Rege de revocāt.

Edwardus Dei grā Rex Angł Dnš Hiƀn & Dux Aquiť diłcis & ſidelibȝ suis, Antonio de Lucy Justič, Ade de Lymbergh Cancellař, & Thome de Burgh Theš suis Hiƀn salťm Quia in pliamento nrō nup apud Westm̄ tento p nos ꝑlatos, Comites, Barones, & coťtatem regni nrī concordatū fuit, qđ om̄es donacoēs p nos pacte postq'm suscepimus gubernacła regni nři de castris, villis, maꝑliis, terris teñ, Wardis, custodiis, maritagiis Baťtis, & liƀtatibȝ revocent', & eadem, castra, ville, maꝑlia, terre teñ, Warde custodie maritagia, Baťtie & liƀtates resumant' in manū nrām, p eo, qđ negocia nos & statū regni nři & terre ꝑdcē contingencia, p quosdam tunc consiliarios nrōs deducta fuerant ad nři dampnū & dedecus ac depaupacoem̄ popłi dicti regni, voƀ mandamus qđ om̄ia castra, villas, maꝑlia, terras, teñ, Wardas, custodias, maritagia, Baťtias & liƀtates, p nos postq'm gubernacła regni nři suscepimus, data, concessa, seu com̄issa in manū nrām resumatis, et ea ad opus nřm, p bonos & sufficientes Custodes p vos ad hoc deputand salvo custodiri ſač, qui de exitibȝ inde pvēientibȝ noƀ ad sc'cim nřm Dubłin respondeant put decet. T̃. me ipō apud Croyndoñ, q'nto die Marcii, Anno ř. ñ. q'nto. Veñ hic irrotulandđ p manus Thom de Burgh Theš. XXI°. die Januār. a°. sup'dcō.

No. 2.

[1. Ric. III.]

Richard by the grace of God King of England and of ffraince and Lord of Irland To all oure subgiett, and liegemeñ within oure lande of Irland hering or seing, thise oure łres greting ffforasmoche as we be enfourmed that there is grete doubte and ambiguyte amoing you for the certaine day of the com̄ensing of oure Reigne we signifie unto you for trouthe that by the grace and sufferaunce of oure blessed Criatour we entred into oure just title taking upon us oure dignitie royałt and supprene governaunce of this oure Royme of Eingland the XXVIIth day of Juyñ the yere of oure Lord †MCCCCLXXXIII and after that we wōll that ye doo make all writing, and recordes amongs yow Yeven under oure signet at oure Castell of Notingham the XIIth day of Octobre The second yere of oure Reigne.

No. 3.

Inquisitio capta 30. Hen. VIII.

XLI.

Inquicisio ex officio Capta apud Newcastell jux' Lyones Coram Ricardo Sedgrawe de Ballybaghyll genť Escaetoř dnī Regis Com̄ Dubłin duodecimo die Augustii Anno Regni Regis Henrici octavi tricesimo p subscripto[. videlicet

Phm Talbot de Ratcowłł	Ricardū Downyłł de Tassagharde	Patriciū Bege de Tassagharde
Patriciū Russell de Newcastell	Thomam ffaunt de eadem	Patriciū Tayllo' de Ballidowd
Thomam Gynglyng de eadem	David Galroy de eadem	Ricardū Perš de Cromlynge
David [. . . .]eman de Tassagharde	Patriciū Gordon de eadem	Edmđ Clere de Loghtan

Villa Callaghtoū.

Qui Jurať dicūt sup Scraṁ suū qđ tota villa de Callaghton est villa dnī Regis & continet in se $\overset{xx}{\text{VII}}$ ačr ꝑre arrabił pratri & pastuř aceciam quatuor ačr ꝑre arrabił & duas ačr prať quas Jacobus Penryse clamat esse Jus suū ex parte orientať ꝑre de Kylhele & eciam XVIII ačr ꝑre de Tybbyrrone & jacent aꝑř de Kylhele ex pte austrať usq; ꝑram de Kyllbarnyng̃ ex pte occidentať & aꝑra [. .] de Newton ex pte boriali usq; Remonysfelde ex pte Orientať Et eciam dicūt qđ le non Stokys est pcella dicť ville de Callaghton & continet ducentas ačr ꝑre & montenes In cujꝰ rei testīoniu ꝑsenť tam sigillū dicť Escaetorys q'm sigilla dicť Jurať ꝑsenť sunt appeñs Dať die & anno sup'dicť. XXI.

Ex offic. Rememor. Regis Scac. Mil.

& Rotulis vocat.' Memoranda Rolls'.

f. 1.°1.

Rege de Wodocke

Edwardus dei gra Rex Angl Dns Hibn & Dux Aquit dilcis & fidelibz suis Nicolao de Luco Justic Hibn de Bardefeld Cancellar & Thome de Cusack Thes suis Hibn salutem Quia in plamento nro apud Westm tento p nos Prelatos Comites Barones & alios tem regni nri consideracion fuit qd omes Dominos p nos Prelatos postqm primo gubernacula regni nri de castro Ville Grauns reppis ten Wapdis custodiis Marchiarum Galliis & libtatibz penocant & eadem castra Ville Grauna reppa ten Wapde custodie Marchiarum Gallie & libtates resumant in manum nram p eo qd negocia nos & statum regni nri a tepe hmoi contingencia p quosdam tunc consiliarios nros dedicta sinistre ad nrum dampnum & dedecus ac depauperacion populi dicti regni Vob mandamus qd omia castra Ville Grauna reppa ten Wapdas custodias Marchiarum Gallias & libtates p nos postqm primo gubernacula regni nri constituimus data concessa & ten confirmata in manum nram resumatis & ea ad opus nrum p nros & Ministros Custodes pro tempore deputandos salvo custodi Hibn gm de gentibz inde provenientibz nob de Scacio nro Dublin respondeatis sine dcar T. me ipo apud Clopenden quinto die Augusti. anno regni nri D. primo.

Per billam monstratam & irrotulatum Thom de Cusack Thes Hib. de mandato Dni Regis.

f. 1.°2.

Richard by the grace of god Kyng of Englond and of ffrance and lord of Irland To all suche subgetes and liegemen within oure lande of Irland Greting & as these oure lettres greetyn ffor certeyn matiers as we be enformed that there is grete debate and ambiguite among yow for the certaine day of the comensing of oure Reigne we signifie unto you for trouthe that by the grace and sufferaunce of oure blessid creatour we entred into oure ryst title taking upon us oure dignite royall and sovereyne gouvernaunce of this oure Reyme of Englond the ixth day of Juyn the yere of oure lord m.° c.° c.° lxxxix and after that we will that ye do make all writings and doo dedes lawfull yeldyn unto oure Justice at oure castell of Wotingham the xv.th day of octobre the second yere of oure Reigne

Inquisitio Capta 30° H. VIII.

f. 1.°3.

Inquisicio capta apud Dyvelyn coram Radulpho Sedgrave de Walthebeyghyll Escaetor dni Regis infra Comitat Publin tricesimo die Augusti Anno Regni Regis Henrici octavi tricesimo primo p Sacramenta

Phim Talbot de Talbotstowne
Patricium Russell de Nelbarstowne
Thomam Cruxton Senescallum
Edmundum Cowlan de Clonsylagh

Radulphum Sedgrave de Walthebeyghyll
Thomam Whitt Senescallum
Edmundum Walsh Senescallum
Patricium Barron Senescallum

Patricium Barre de Kilsallaghe
Patricium Talbot de Balligoll
Richardum Peers de Thomastowne
Edmundum Lord de Loxlyan

Ville Dallaghston

Dicunt sup sacm suum quod Villa de Dallaghston est Villa Dni Regis & consuevit esse Villa mercatoria a tempore cuius contrarii memoria hominum non existit Et quod Villa predicta quatuor Burgenses Liberos habuit quorum unus fuit Maior Ville predicte Et quod Villa predicta Decem Burgagia habuit quorum quodlibet Burgagium continet in se quatuor mesuagia quatuor gardina & quatuor acras terre Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duo Molendina ad Ventum Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duo Nundinas per annum Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duo Mercata per Septimanam Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duas Feriis per annum Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duas Portas Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duas Turres Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duas Ecclesias Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duas Capellas Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duas Cimiteria Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duas Fontes Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duas Pontes Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duas Viridaria Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duas Pomaria Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duas Hortos Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duas Vineas Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duas Arbores Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duas Flores Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duas Herbas Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duas Aves Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duas Bestias Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duas Pisces Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duas Aquas Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duas Terras Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duas Montes Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duas Valles Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duas Flumina Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duas Lacus Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duas Maria Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duas Insulas Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duas Peninsulas Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duas Isthmos Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duas Promontoria Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duas Capes Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duas Bays Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duas Harbours Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duas Ports Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duas Havens Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duas Roads Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duas Anchorages Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duas Moorings Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duas Cables Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duas Anchors Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duas Sails Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duas Masts Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duas Yards Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duas Booms Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duas Gaffs Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duas Topsails Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duas Topgallants Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duas Royals Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duas Studdingsails Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duas Lateen Sails Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duas Spritsails Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duas Mizzens Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duas Mizzen Topsails Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duas Mizzen Topgallants Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duas Mizzen Royals Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duas Mizzen Studdingsails Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duas Mizzen Lateen Sails Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duas Mizzen Spritsails Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duas Bonaventures Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duas Bonaventure Topsails Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duas Bonaventure Topgallants Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duas Bonaventure Royals Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duas Bonaventure Studdingsails Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duas Bonaventure Lateen Sails Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duas Bonaventure Spritsails Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duas Driver Sails Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duas Driver Topsails Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duas Driver Topgallants Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duas Driver Royals Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duas Driver Studdingsails Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duas Driver Lateen Sails Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duas Driver Spritsails Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duas Ensigns Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duas Pennants Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duas Streamers Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duas Guidons Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duas Standards Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duas Colours Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duas Flags Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duas Banners Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duas Pennons Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duas Streamers Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duas Guidons Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duas Standards Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duas Colours Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duas Flags Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duas Banners Et quod Villa predicta habuit Duas Pennons

scilt añ diē Dñicā pxm^{a} post festum aplor Petri t Pauli anno r. d. r. XVII stabiles t firmi remanebūt in ppetuū. oñs aū qui decet̄o sūt faciendi pdco W. remanebūt scilt de Willo filt Robi de Lacy. t finis Ricī de Tuyt t uxor pet de maschal. t de filia hug de Tuyt. t Radi parin. t Ade de capell scilt finis de Baronia sua. Omia aut psc̄pta cōfca int dñm Regē t ipm W. tradent' in man^{o} Hospitalt London custodt quousq; cōvenc̄o pdca fuit cōpleta. mandt est ecia Justic̄ Hibn qd si plegios invenit usq; circit mille m^{a}rc̄ t de residuo illo pleg̃ invēire nō posset ppter hoc nō omittat quin ei vt suis quos ad hoc attornavit de pdcis tris cū ptineñc suis plenariā seysinam fire faciat q; idem Walts libavit dño Regi in obsidem Gilibtū filiū suū donec de pdca pecunia dño Regi fecerit satisfc̄m.

II.

Ex Lib. eod. pag. 77.

Edwardus Dei grā Rex Angt Dñs Hybn t Dux Aquit̄ Thes̄ t Baronib; suis de sc^{a}cio Dublin saltm mittimus vob quasdam ordinaciones presentib; inclusas quas in tra nra Hybn volum^{o} observari. vob mandantes q^{d} dcas ordinaciones scdm sui tenorem in omnib; suis articlis fieri t observari faciatis Et hoc nullatenus omittatis T. me ipo apud Cantuār. XII. die Jut anno r. ñ. vicesimo pmo.

Ces sount les Ordinaunces qe le Rey ad comaunde fere e garder en sa tere de Irlaunde.

Les viscountes e autre bayllyfs qe sovent unt este mys par le graunt sel de Engletere pur quoy il unt este meyns obeyssaunz al Escheker de Irlaunde e aussy de ceus qe sunt mys par la justice meymes, acorde est qe les viscuntes seyent mys par le Tresorer e les Baruns del Escheker ausy come en Englet̄e e par eus seyent remuez e ne pas par autres. e devaunt eus seyent responables de quaunt qe apent a lur Offyce. e les Bayllyfs qe respounent al Escheker par lur mayn demeyne seyent mys par ceus del Escheker E ceus qe sunt repunables as Viscuntes seyent mys par les Viscuntes. E seyt charge checun Viscunte par sun serment qaunt il fra le serment qil mette tieus pur qs il vodra respoundre aussy come en Englet̄re. e ne pur qaunt seyent Les Viscuntes entendaunz as maundemenz la Justice e qaunt qe a luy apent.

Des teres tenues en chef du Rey qe sunt aloinguees saunz conge le Rey dount ceus de Irlaunde Dyunt qil pount bien fere e touz Jours le unt fet acorde est qe taunt tost come eles sunt alyenez seyent pryses en la mayn le Rey par le Eschecur ausy come en Engletere e issi demeorgent taunt qil eyent fet gre le Rey. E eyent la Justice le Tresorer e le Conseyl joyntement poer de prendre tels manere de fyns E desoremes ne eyt nul poer de feffer autre de tere qe est tenue en chef du Rey for atenyr du Rey en chef e ce par conge du Rey ou de la Justice si il ne seyt en tere de gerre ou de marche e la eyent bien poer le seygnurs qe teñnt del Rey a feffer autres a tenyr de eus pur defendre la terre a prou de eus e al encres de la Seygnurye le Rey e de sa pes. E qe tel poer eyent les Seygnurs en ce dreyn cas de fere feffemenz taunt qe le Rey emparle autre fiez ou taunt qil la vuyle repeler. Issi neqedent qe les feffemenz qe averunt este fez avaunt ce repel estoysent e seyent ferms e estables. Acorde est qe nul Seneschal de ffraunchyse seyt Justice de Eyre ne de Bank ou ayllurs ou ffraunchises deyvent estre tryez.

Del Quinzyme de Irlaunde seyt fet solume la fourme qil ount ylleqes e si come fu fet en Engletere e les despenses des Taxurs e des Cuyllurs seyent en la Descreciun del tresorer e des Baruns del Eschekere de Irlaunde ausy come en Engletere.

E aussy veut le Rey qe les teres le Rey e les Curz qe sunt baylles a ferme a tenyr a la volunte le Rey pur meyns qe la dreyte value seyent reprys en la mayn le Rey e baylles a certeyne genz qe respoynent pur la verreye value ausy come le Tresorer verra qe meuz seyt a fere al prou le Rey.

E veut le Rey qe les fez des Justices e autre mynystres le Rey en Irlaunde les quels fez il soleynt prendre al comencement del terme pur le terme qe fust avenyr qe Justices e touz les autres qe fe pernunct seynt paez de lur fez a la fyn de checun terme aussy come il est fet en Engletere.

III.

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Edwardus Dei gra Rex Angt & Franc̄ & Dns Hybn Thes̄ suo Hibn vel ejus Deputat̄ ibm & Baroñ de sc̄io suo Hibn saltm. tenorem cujusdam actus sive ordinac̄ois in Parliamento nro apud t Nas die vent̄is px post festū sc̄i Andree Apli ultimo pt̄it. Coram pdicto consanguineo nro Thoma Fitzmores comit̄ Kyldar̄ Deputat̄ carissimi fris nri Georgii Ducis Clarenc̄ locū nrm tenent̄ tre nre Hibn tent̄ edito vob mittim^{o} psent̄ inclucis mandant̄ quatenus viso tenore pdc̄o jux^{a} vim formam effc̄m ejusdem de tempe in tempus fieri & demandari fac̄ T pfat̄ Deputat̄ Apud Dublin XI die Marcii Anno r ñ tercio decimo. Item al requisicion des c̄oes Que come p le course del Eschequier de nre Sovain f^{r} le Roy deins sa tre d'Irlande viscounts de Countees Seneschals des libtees viscountz deins burgh villes meires & Bailliefs de Citees deins la dit tre sur lour accomptees en le dit Eschequier sount opposes sur divs auncients dettes del Roy restauntez de recorde sibien en le graunde roull del dit Eschequier com in divcez aultes recordez deinz le d^{t} Eshekquier quy teignount lez ditz vicountz dez countiez seneshallez dez libties maires Bayllefs et Vicounts deinz Burghes Villes long temps sur le opposaile de lez ditz auncient̄ dettes qūx sont cōteins en lez recordez dez aus de divsez Royez cest assave en les recordes del Roy nre sovayn ḡorest & en lez recordes et anes du Roy Henry le syxme Roy Henri le quarte Henri le V Roy Richard le scde & en lez recordes de divsez anez du Roy

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Edward le tierce al gundes custages & exspenses de lez ditz accomptantes labour e charg a lez offices t Roy de s dist Escheker & null pfete cressaunt au Roy en lez ditz ancients recordes sur q les pmisses gcyeuxment concyderez Ordein est unacte & estably p auctorite du dit parlament q lez ditz accomptauntes ne soient ou charches ne opposez sur lez dites auncient recordez smoñ a lez recordes de lez XXX anez de Roy H. le VIme.

Ex Rot. Mem. in Scac.

I.

Adhuc diva Dñm Regem tangentia in Termino Sci Hillarii anno R. R. E. primo.

Breve de Angt de fribus militie templi } **Dñs Rex** mandavit Justic & Thes suis in Hibn, bre suum & qndam ordinacõnem de fribz militie templi in Hibn ris teñ bonis & cat suis &c. in forma que sequitur Edwardus &c. dilco & fideli suo Joñi Wogan Justic suo Hibn & Thes de Scio suo Dubln salt. Mittimo vob quandam ordinacõm p nos & consiliũ nrm tis racõibz fcam quã executõi in ptibz Angt die Mcur pxima post festum Epphie Dñi pxiõ futur faciende fecimus demandari & quam in ptibz Hibn sicut in cetis terris dñii nri teneri & ad aliquem tum diem p vos cũ omi celeritate qua comode fieri pot statuend executõi simlr volumo demandari psentibz inclusam vob mandantes in fide qua nob tenemini firmi injungendo q statim visis psentibz inspectaq & diligen intellecta ordinacõe illa executõem ejusdm ordinacõis in singlis suis articlis p totam ram nram Hibn sine dilacõe aliqua fieri faciatis ita q ea que in dca ordinacõe cõtinent' executioni demandent' anteqm rumor a partibz Angt inde ad partes Hibn pot pvenire Et hoc nullo modo omittatis Et de toto fco vro in hac pte scire faciatis p tras vras distincte & apte, Thes & Baronibz nris de Scio apud Westñ T me ipo apud Byflete XX die Decembr anno R nr pmo.

Ordinatio, de eod.

Quibzdam tis de causis ordinatum est p Dñm Regem & consilium suũ qd die Mcur pxia post festum Epphie Dñi pxio futur omes fres de ordine milicie Templi in singlis com Angt p vic eorundem & p aliqs legales hoies de eisdem com p corpora sua attachient' & qd omes re & omia teñ bona & catalla sua tam ecclastica qm temporalia seisiant' & capiant' in manũ dci Reg una cũ cartis sptis & omodis munimtis ipoz frm et qd de bonis & catall illis pdco & eoz pdicõ fiant legale inventar & indentura psencie Custodis cujlibt locoz eozdm frũm qcũq fuit fra vidz illi ordinis vt alius & in psencia duoz legaliũ hõinum dco loco vicinoz & militis ppinquoz qui comode adesse pount unde una pars remaneat penes dcm custodem & altra penes Vic sub sigillo illius q bona & catall illa fecit sic seisiri & qd bona & catalla illa ponant' in salva et secura custodia, et qd pecora & aalia dcoz fratrũ bene custodiant' & sustentent' de bonis sup dcis prout ad majo comodum fore videbitur faciend et qd re eoz excolant' & seminent' de exitibz eazdem ad majo comodum quo fieri pot & profectum, et qd corpora dicoz Templar salvo secure & honeste custodiant' in loco cõpetenti alibi qm in locis suis ppis Ita qd eoz custodes securi sint de corporibz eozdm frũm dũ tamen nõ sint in dura et vili psona don Rex aliud inde dux ordinandum et qd inveniat' eisdm fribz racõnabilis sustentatio jux stato eoz decẽtiam de rebz & bonis sic seysiendis p mandata dci R modo cõpetẽti quibz pactis vic scire faciant p tras suas Thes & Baroñ de Scio apd Westmoñ quot ffres & quos fecint arestari & noia eozd & ubi & sb qua custodia eos posint et tnsc'pta indenturaz que erũt inde fce mittant dcis Thes & Baronibz et qd scire faciant eisdm distincte & apte q re & que teñ dcoz frũm fuint sic seisita una cũ toto fco suo in hac parte ita qd iidem Thes & Barones in crastino Pur bẽ Marie pxio futur p dcos vic ad plenũ inde tiorent' Quã quidem ordinacem dcs Rex exeq fecit in hunc modum Primo vidz mandavit bria sua sigul vic p Angt qd pmunirent legat hõies de Ballivis suis usq ad tũ numũ videlt decẽ vt duodecim in quolib Com dc qbz idem Rex melius se possit cõfidere, qd eent apd tum locũ in Coñi sb foriscũra omiu que Regi forisfacte possent & qd vic sb ead forisfactura essz in psõa sua ad eundem locũ die dñca in Crastino dci festi Epphie Dñi ad faciend aliqua pacem dci R tangencia et que idem Vic in bri Reg sibi dirigendo iveiret cõtineri, et postmodũ dcs Rex misit clicos juratos una cũ bribz suis dcam ordinacõm cõtinẽtibz ad dcos vic ad capiend sacm ab ipis vic anteqm dca bria de ordinacõe illa apirentur qd ipi ea que in eisdem bribz inveirent cõtineri nõ detegent seu alicui revelarẽt quscq executõi fuisscnt demandata et qd ipi vic aptis dcis bribz de ordinacõe omia & singla pdca facent executõi debite demandari et qd ab illis hõibz quos dcs Rex pmo pcepit pmunire vel ab aliquibz ipoz quos de pdcis negociis eisdem vic melius videbitur expedire oandos recipient' coram dcis clicis consimilia sacmẽta videlt qd pmissa nõ detegent vt alicui revelabunt quousque fuint ut pdcm est executioni demandata Et idõ vult Dñs Rex qd ordinacio pdca fiat & exequat' in Hibn. Ita qd omis fres de ordine pdcõ quos in Hibn inveniri ctigit p unũ diem p Justic Hibn & Thes de Scio Dubln statuend attachiẽt' p corpora sua & qd omes re & omia teñ sua ibidm in manũ dci R seisiant' capian & custodiant' & omia alia & singla in dca ordinacõe cõtenta executõi demandent' in forma sup'dca Et qd iidem Justic. & Thes cũ p vic terre Hibn fuint de pmissis cõrati Thes & Baroñ de Scio Angt inde sub sigill suis distincte & apte reddant cores.

II. Adhuc

II.

Adhuc de coñibꝫ plitis apud Dubln coram ꝑfato Justič de termio & anno supradčis.

Waterford. Rogus psona ecclie de Kylimydan suñ fuit ad respondend Dño Regi de plito qd pmittat iꝑm Dñm Regē ꝑsentare idoneam psonam ad vicariam ꝑdce ecclie que vacat & ad donacom Dñi R spectat Et unde Joñes de Ponte qui sequit' ꝑ Dño R dicit qd dñs Rex nunc tempore pacis dum fuit Dñs Hiḃn tempe pñs sui ꝑsentavit ad ꝑdcam vicariam quemdam clicū sūm Galfridū nomīe qui ad ꝑsentacom suam fuit admissus ad eandem p loci Dyocesanū & institutus in eaḋm p cujus mortē ꝑdca vicaria modo vacat Et unde quer' ꝑ Dño Rege qd ꝑdčs Rogus injuste impedit iꝑm ꝑsentare idoneam psonam ad ꝑdčam vicariam, ad dampnū suū Centū liḃr &c. Et hoc offert ꝟificare ꝑ ipo Ðño R.

Et Rogus venit et defendit vim & injuriam qū &c Et bene defendit qd Dñs Rex nūc, nec aliquis ꝓgenitoꝫ suoꝫ unq'm ꝑsentavit ad ꝑdcam vicariam aliq̃m psonam set dicit qd ꝑdeč sui personas ꝑdce ecclie a tempe fundacōnis ejusdm singulis vacacōnibꝫ ꝑdce vicarie semp ꝑsentare solebant ad ꝑdcam vicariam &c absq; aliq' temporis intupcōne & alicujus calumpnia et qd ita est patus est ꝟificare sicut Cuř considaꝟit unde dicit qd sic impedit iꝑe Dūm Regem &c & non injuste.

Et Joñes dicit ꝑ Dño R qd Dñs Rex nūc qū dedit Roḃto de Ufford manliū de Kylimydan iꝑe Dñs Rex retinuit sibi iꝑi advocacom ꝑdče ecclie integre, unde dicit qd si ꝑdčs Rogs aliquid haberet in advocacōne ꝑdce vicarie oportet qd iꝑe haḃit aliquod factū speciale de iꝑo Dño Rege ex quo Dñs Rex sic sibi retinuit advocacom ꝑdce ecclie integre. Et desicut ꝑdcs Rogus nlłm hujusmodi factū ostendit, petit judič ꝑ Dño Rege. Petit eciam ꝑ Dño R qd inquirat' in for^a qua ꝑdcus Rogus posuit se in Jur^am Ideo ꝑceptū est vič qd venire faciat coram &c in cr^tino Sči Joñis Bapte nisi prius &c ubicūq; &c XII &c p quos &c. Et qui nec &c recognoscend in forma ꝑdča. Quia &c. Et ad eundm diem expectent judčm &c. Postea ad diem illū vič nichi inde fecit nec ḃre misit &c. Ideo sicut prius ꝑceptū est vič qd venire faciat coram &c a die Sči Michlis in XV dies, nisi prius &c ubicūq; &c XII &c p &c. Et qui nec &c ad recognoscend in forma ꝑ dca Quia &c Et ad cund diem expectent judčm &c. Postea octaḃ Sči Martini anno ꝑdco apud Watford venit ꝑdcs Rogus psona &c et similiť Juř qui dicūt sup sacm suum qd a tempe quo non extat memoria in singulis vacacōbꝫ ꝑdce vicarie psone ꝑdce ecclesie semp ꝑsentare consueuerunt idoneas psonas ad vicariam ꝑdcam & nūcq^a Dñs Rex nec aliquis alius Dñs ꝑdci manlii. Ideo ꝑdčus Rogus eat inde sine die salvo jure Dñi Regis cū inde loqui volūit.

Tres Inquiões Ex Offic. Rem. Scač.

I.

Inquisitio capta apud Kyldař in Coñ Kildarie die Martis proxño post festum sancti Brandani Anno regni Henrici octavi tricesimo tercio coram Waltero Cowley dicti dñi Regis terre sue Hibernie et sociis suis comissionariis dicti dñi Regis in Coñ Kildarie ꝑdicť assignatis ad inquirendū p sacm proborū et legaliū hominum ejusdem Coñ p quos rei veritas melius sciri poterit Que scit manlia dominia Mes terre tenementa reddit reꝟciones ꝟicia prat pasč pasture bosč subbosč stagn molendina vinař piscař añuitat rectoř añue pensiones porciones et emolument ac viš franche pleğ cuř let mercat fer franchęš warreñ feod milit capelle advocacōnes eccliaꝫ capellarū cant et aliorū beneficiorū eccliasticorū quorumcūq; ac Jura et hereditament quecūq; ad dictum dñm regem in coñ Kildarie ꝑdič racōe dissoluč et extincōis aliquoꝫ nup monasteriorū priorat hospitaliū et aliarū Domorū religiosaꝫ ac racōe donacōis et concessionis aliquorū nup monasterioꝫ priorat hospit et aliarū domorum religiosaꝫ necnon omnium et singulorū possessionū et hereditamentoꝫ eorundem ac virtute et auctoritate cujusd ordinač statuť sive actus in pliamento dicti domini Regis dudum edit verūeciam ratione attinctuř diꝟsaꝫ psonaꝫ aut alterius cujuscūq; cause juris aut tituli deveneř aut spectař dignoscuntur et in manibus dicti dñi Regis existere debent. Et quant valent p annū in omnibus exitibus ultra reprisas et de quo vel de quibus tenebantur et p que ꝟicia Et quis vel qui fuit vel fuerunt fundat sive fundat dictorum monaster priorat hospitaliū sive domoꝫ religiosarū p subscript videlicet Robertum Hossey de miche grange Oliverū Grace de Kilrushe Phūm Eveš de Thomaston David Sexe de Newhowse Nichm Sexe de Knockoirke Edmundum Welisley de Crokiston Nichm Eustace de Crodokiston Mauricium fitz Edmond de Briumston Michm Tallon de Uske Johēm Fitzgerald de Classhell Remundum Fitz Geralde de Rathnogan et Philippum fitz Morish de Allon Qui Jurati dicunt sup sacrament suū quod Henricus Duff nup Abbas Aḃie Monasterii sive domus sancti Thome Martiris juxta Dublin in Coñ Dublin vicesimo quinto die Julii anno regni dicti dñi Regis tricesimo primo ex assensu conventus ejusdem aḃie monasterii sive domus p script suum sigillo coī dict abbiē monasterii sive dom^o sigillat et in curia Cancellarie ejusdem dñi Regis irrotulat eisd Jurat supius noīat sup capcionem istius inquisitionis in evidenč osteñs dedit concessit ac p script illud reddidit et confirmavit eidem Dño Regi totam dict aḃiam monasteriū sive domū sči Thome martiris ꝑdict Necnon omia et singla manlia dñia meswagia gardina curtilag toft terr et ten sua prat pasč pastuř bosč subbosč reddit reꝟč ꝟič molendina passag feod milit ward maritag coīa libertat franchēs jurisdiccōes cuř let hundred

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viš franč pleğ fĕr m̃c advocač p̄senť et donač Eccliaz vicař capillaz aut hospiť et aľorū eccliasticoz beneficiorū quorūcūq; rectoř vicař canť penč porč̄oes añuitať decimas oblač ac om̃ia et singła emolumenť p̄fič possešs hereditamenť et Jura sua quecūq; cū om̃ibus et singłis eorū membris juribus et p̄tiñ univ̄sis tam infra dič̄t coñ Dublin q̄ infra coñi middie Kildař Catħ Tipperař Kilkenñ Lowth Corke et Waterfordie ac alibi ubicūq; infra terram sive dominiū dicti dñi Regis in Hibernia eidem Abbie Monasterio sive domui sč̄i Thome Martiris p̄dict sive dicto Henrico Duff ut in jure dicte Abbie monasterii sive dom⁹ quoquomodo p̄tiñ spectañ appendeñ sive incideñ Habendum tenendum et gaudend dič̄t abbiam monasteriū sive domū sč̄i Thome Martiris p̄dič̄t ac totum situm fundū circuiť ambiť p̄cinč̄t Nec non om̃ia et singła p̄dič̄t maňia dñia meš gardina terras teñ rectorias vicarias decimas et cetera p̄missa cū om̃ibus et singłis suis p̄tiñ p̄dicto dño Regi heredibus et assignať suis imppetuū p̄ut in eadem carta et in record cancellarie dñi Regis irrotulať et ibidem de record remaneñ magis plane liquet. Et idem Jurať ulterius sup sacr̃m suum p̄dict dič̄ q̄ p̄dič̄t nup abbas eodem XXV° die Julii dicto anno tricesimo primo regni dicti dñi Regis Nec non tempe et instanč donacionis et concessionis p̄missorū eidem dño Regi seisiť fuit in dominico suo ut de feodo ut in jure abbie monasterii sive domus p̄dič̄ de manerio de Kyll in coñi Kildarie p̄dič̄t ac de quinque meš duodecem cottagiis et nonagint acris terre ducenť acris pasture quatuor acř prati cū p̄tiñ in Kyll p̄dič̄t una acr terre et septem acris prati in Alesty in com̃ p̄dič̄t que valent p annū ultra repriš quinq; libras novem ac decem solid et sex denarios Et de duobus mēs tribus cotāg cenť acr terř XX^ti ač pasture quatuor acris prati cum p̄tiñ in Arthurstowne alias Artistowne in eodem coñ que valent p annum ultra repriš sexaginť duos solid Et de uno meš uno cotagio et duodecem acris terre in Ballybrogg in dicto coñi que valent p annū ultra reprisas IIII^or decem solid. Et de uno castro uno meš sex cottag septuaginť acris terre viginti acř pasture et quatuor acř prati in hartwell in com̃ p̄dič̄t que valent p annū ultra repriš quadraginť duos solid. Ac de quadraginť acř terre et XX^ti acř bosci in Alenston in coñi Kildarie p̄dič̄t que valent p annū ultra repriš nichil quia vasť. Et eciam de Eccl̃ia sive rectoria de Kyll in com̃ Kildarie p̄dič̄t eidem Abbať et successoribus in p̄prios usus appropriať Et de decimis villať de Kyll p̄dič̄t Arthurstowne alias Artistowne p̄dič̄t Hartwell Ballybrogg Alesty Payneston Artistande et Swidalleston p̄cell rectorie de Kyll p̄dič̄t, que valent p annū ultra reprisas XIX li Virtute cujus om̃ia p̄dicta maňia mēs terř teñ Eccl̃ie rectorie deciñ et cetera p̄miss cū p̄tiñ capť et seisiť sunt in manus Dči Dñi Regis et ad manus dicti dñi Regis devenerunt & de pleno jure devenire debent. In cuj⁹rei testimoniū Sigilla sua huic p̄senti scripto apposuerunt Dať Die et anno supradicto.

Deliber̃ať & retornať in canč Dñi regis in Hibñ XXIII°
die Maii Anno r.r. Henř octavi XXXIII°.

II.

Inquisicio capť apud Swerd in coñ Dublin die Veneris p̄x post festū sč̄i Bartholemei Ap̄li anno regni regis Henrici octavi XXXIIII^to corā Patricio Barnewall ꝟvienť dicť Dñi Reğ ad leges in regno suo Hibnie & Ričo Tallo' de Swerd generōs comissionař ejusd Dñi Reğ in coñ Dubłin p̄dič̄t assignať ad inqu'rend p sacr̃m p̄boz et legaliū homī tam infra libtates q'm extra p quos rei veritas meli⁹ sciř po'tit Que Scitus maňia Dña mēs terre teñt' reddiť rev̄cōes ꝟvič prať pasč pastuř bosč subosč stagna molendina vinař piscař añuitať rectoř añue penč̄ones porč̄ones emolumenť ac viš franč pleğ cūr leť mercať feř franchēs warem̃ feod milit capelle advocač̄ones Eccl̃iaz vicař capellaz cantaz hospiť & alioz t̄nfič Eccl̃iastič quozcūq; ac juř & hereditamenť quecūq; ad dič̄t dñm regem in coñ Dublin p̄dič̄t rač̄one dissoluč et extinctionis aliquoz nup monaſtioz priorať hospiť et aliaz domoz religioš nec non oīm et singłoz possessionū et hereditamenť eozd ac virtute & auč̄te cujusd ordinač̄is statuť sive actus in p̄liam̃ dicť dñi Regis dudū editť verū eciam rač̄one attinctuř diversaz p̄sonaz aut alt̄ius cujuscuq; cause aut titł devenerūt aut spectar dignoscunt' & in manibz dči dñi Reğ existe debent & quanť valent p anū in omnibus exiť ultra rep̄s & de quo vel de quibus tenent' & p que ꝟvič Et quis vel qui fuit vel fuerūt fundator sive fundatōr dicť nup monaſtioz priorať hospiť sive domoz religioš. P subscripť videlicet per

Patriciū Russell de Seton
Thomā Vicombe de ead
Simonē Dowding de Swerd
Johem Tipp de ead
Johem Ffowle de ead
Walterū Ffollan de ead
Ricardū Ffollan de ead
Will̃m Scote de ead
Walterū Dowding de ead
Robertum Brocton de ead
Patriciū Walshe de ead
Thomam Lorkan de ead

Qui Jurať dicūt sup sacr̃m suū q^d cū quad cessione cujusdam p̄liam' tenť apud Civitatem dicť dñi reğ Lym̃icii in coñ Lim̃icii XV° die Februarii anno regni dicť dñi Reğ XXXIII^cio & ab eod XV die Februarii usq; ad VII diem Marcii tunc p̄x sequenť ibm̃ continuať ordinatum inactitať statuť & stabiliť existit inť alia aūcte ejusdem p̄liament ut sequitur Be it enacted by the Kinge o' Sov̄aigne Lorde & the Lordes spuaľt & tempal & the comens in this p̄sent plim' assembled & by th'auctoryte of the same that the Kinge o' Sov̄aigne Lorde shall have hold possess and enjoye to hime his heires & successo'' for ev̄ the late monaſties Abbies prioris Nonries, Colleğ hospitals comaundres houses of ffreres & other religious & eccl̃iasticall houses & plač of what kinde nature qualite div̄site of abbiť rules p̄fessions or orders they or any of theym were named knowen or called

called whiche sithens the IIIIth day of February in the XXVII yere of the reigne of o^r^ said most dread Sov^r^aigne Lorde have been dissolved supp^r^ssed renūced relinquisshed forfeicted given upe or by any other meane ought to cū to his highnes & by the same auctye & in like man^r^ shall have hold possess & inyoie all the scit circuit p^r^cintē man^r^s Lordships comaundres grang meš land tēnt medues pastures rent rev^r^cões ^r^vič wood tithes pencões porcões psonag^r^ appropiate vicarag^r^ churches chapels advousons nomyacons psonag^r^ añuytees rightes int^r^ests entres comodytes codicons cōens let corts lib^r^tes privileg^r^ franch & othir what so ev^r^ heredytam^r^ whiche app^r^teynethe or belonged to the late hospitals monast^r^ies Abbies Priores nonries colledg^r^ hospitals housses of ffreres & other relygiouse & ecclesiasticall housses & plac or to any of theyme in as lardge & ample man^r^ & forme as Sr John Rawson late prior of the said hospitall of the said sancte Johns Jrlm in Ireland and the late Abbot priores Abbesses prioreš comaunders & other Ecctiasticall gov^r^no^rs^ & gov^r^neš of the said late hospitall or of such late monastiēs abbies priories nonres colledg hospitals comaundres housses of ffreres or other religious or Ecctiasticall housses or plac had held or occupied or of right ought to have hade holden or occupied in the right of the said hospitalls monast^r^ies abbies priories nonres colledg hospitals housses of ffreres or other religious or Ecctiasticall housses or plac at the tyme of the said Dissolucon subp^r^ssion renūcyng relinquisshinge forfacting giviñ upe or by any other man^r^ of meanes comynge of the same to the King highnes sithens the said IIIIth day of February above specifiede And it is further enacted by auctoritye aforesaid that the late hospit monast^r^ies abbies priores colledg nonres hospitals comaundres housses of ffreres & othir ecctiasticall & relig hosses & plac scit circuit p^r^cinct Manes Lordships grang meš land tēnt medwes pastur rent rev^r^cones ^r^vič & all othir the p^r^misses forthe w^th^ & imediatly & p^r^sentlie shalbe wested demed & adjudged by auctor of this p^r^sent pliam^t^ in the very actuall & riall seison & possession of the King o^r^ Sov^r^aigne Lord his heirs & successo^rs^ for ev^r^ in the state & condicon as they nowe be ande as thoght the said late hospitall & the said late monast^r^ies abbies priores nonres hospitall comaundres housses of Ffreres & othir religiouse housses & plac dissolved renūced relinquisshed forfaicted given upe or cū to the King highness as is aforsaid & the said scit circuit p^r^cinct man^r^s Lordships grang Land tent & other the p^r^misses whatesoev^r^ they be & ev^r^y of theyme were in this p^r^sent acte specially & ptycularly rehersed named & exp^r^ssed by exp^r^sse word names titles & faculties & in their natures kindes & qualities put in eod actu planius liquet. Dicunt eciam Jurat p^r^dict sup sacrm suū p^r^dict q^d^ Monasteriū sive dom^o^ Frūm minoz de Drogheda in com de Drogheda vulgariť nūcupat the grey ffreres of Drogheda fundat & stabilit fuit a tempe cu^o^ contrar^r^ memoria homiñ non existit. Et quod illud monast^r^iū sive dom^o^ necnon nōen ejusd & dignitas & nomen gardiani sive custodis illius ac ordo frm minoz p^r^dict cū ejusdem dependt XX° die Marcii anno regni dict dñi Reg XXXI° virtute & aucte comissionis ejusd dñi Reg sub testimonio suo ppio ab Anglia misse subp^r^šš et extinct fuerūt et ad p^r^sens subp^r^šš & extinct existunt qdq; Ričus Molane tunc gardian^o^ sive custos ejusd monast^r^ii sive dom^o^ et oēs ffres sub potestat dict nup gardiani vel in eod monast^r^io sive domu tunc existeñ p^r^dict nup monast^r^iū sive domū tunc reliquerūt & ab eod recesserūt & nūqñ postea in eod revenerūt nec eoz aliquis revenit, sed illud monast^r^iū sive domū tamm locū pphanū & dissolut dimittebant. Ita q^d^ monast^r^iū sive dom^o^ illa totalit extinct & dissolut fuit et est. Et dicūt insup Jurat p^r^dict sup sacrm suū p^r^dict q^d^ p^r^dict Ričus nup gardian^o^ sive custos ejusd monast^r^ii sive dom^o^ ut in jure ejusdem monast^r^ii sive dom^o^ p^r^dict XX° die Marcii dict anno XXXI^mo^ regni dict dñi Reg ac cōtinue antea seisit *fuit in* Dñico suo ut de feod de uno burgag sive messuag & uno gardino cū ptiñ in Swerd in com Dublin p^r^dict que tenent^r^ de Georgio Archiep^r^o Dublin in p ^r^vič XII^d^ p añū solvend ad fest sči Michlis Archangilli & pasche equis porcōnibz & sect Curie ad Curiam suam de Swerd de tribus septimanis in tres septimanas & valent p annū ultra repriš II^s^ IIII^d^. Et quis vel qui fuit vel fuerūt donator sive donatores eoz teñtoz vel alicuj^o^ inde pcelle p^r^dict monast^r^io sive domui aut gardiano sive custodi & frib sive gardiano vel custodi aut frib ejusd Jurat p^r^dict penit^o^ ignorant Et ex causis p^r^dict tēnt p^r^dic cū ptiñ in Swerd p^r^dict capt sunt et sčit in manibz dict dni Reg et ad manus ejusdem dni Reg devenerūt & de mero jure devenire debuerunt IN cuj^o^ rei testimoniū tam p^r^dict comissionar qm Jurat p^r^dict huic pti huj^o^ Inquiš Sigilla sua apposuerūt die & anno supradict.

III.

Inquisitio capta apud Castrū Dublyñ in com Dublyñ coram Baronibz de Sc^r^cio Dne Regine regni sui Hibnie in crastino aiaz Anno regni Dne Elizabeth Dei gracia Anglie Franc & Hibnie Regine fidei defensoris &tc. primo p sacrm

Johis Bitthe de Cromlyn
Johis Pers de ead
Thome Burges de Aderge
+ Witti Mangore de Loughton
+
Dublin

Patricii Dowgen de Loughton
Robti Taylour de Ballyowyn
Thome Hynche de Luske
Nichi Litterett de Clonsillagh
Geraldi Archepoll de Bree
Patricii Archepoll de ead
Theobauldii Long de Ballawly
+ Thome
Patricii Leche de Ballydowde

Qui Jurat dicunt sup sacrm suū Q^d^ Oliverus Nugent nup de Dromore in Com Westmid miles sčitus fuit in dnico suo ut de feod de duobz meš & LXXX acr ter cū ptiñ in Holywodrathe que val p annū ult^a

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repris CLIII s IIII d Et ea tenuit de p XXXIII s IIII d annũ redđ & secť cuř ad maneriũ de Balyard ac de XXti acř terre in Ballystrowañ in Coñ p̃đ que vał p annũ ultª repris CXIII s IIII d Et ea tenuit de Đna Regina nunc ut de međ mañii sui de Castellnocke p secť cuř ac de XLta acř terre cũ ptiñ in Oldbaoñ in Coñ p̃đ que vał p annũ ultª repris CX s Et eas tenuit de Đna Regina p cerť redđ & p quod s̃viciu peniťs ignorant ac de t̃cia pte oĩm meš terř & tẽnť de Burghcollyn Strafftin Disteñ & Jopiston que vał p añ ultª repris XIIII s p annuał redđ anť soluť Đne Regine CVIII s ac de certis terř in in Coñ p̃đ que vał p annũ ultª repris CX s ac qd p̃đcus Oliverus Nugent mił obiit in vigilia sť Mathei app̃li annis Regnoꝝ nup Đni Phi Regis & Đne Marie Regine quarť & quinť Et qd Robtus Nugent est ej9 filius & heres & pleñ etať tempore mortis đci Oliveri pr̃is sui & maritatus.

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THE SUB-COMMISSIONERS on this Office, having in their Researches found an Account Roll, containing DISBURSEMENTS of the EXCHEQUER in the time of Edwd I. and as it is the only Roll of that description which has been as yet found among the Chief Remembrancer's Records, it was transcribed by Mr. Hardiman and Mr. Litton, and submitted to The BOARD, as a fit Document to form a Supplement to the CHIEF REMEMBRANCER's Return.

ROTULUS expenš etc̃ Sccªii de anno Regni Regis Edwardi primi XXXº.

Minuta feoda Sccªii & expeñ Ncªcař.

fs. In Libac̃onibꝫ & minutis feodis ministroꝝ de Sccªio & aliis expeñ minutis ncªcař p IIII. III. (XX) dies vidꝫ a die Lune p̃x post crastinũ sc̃i Hyllař XVº die Januař anno ř ř Edwardi XXXº usq̧ diem Sabbi intªnte passione septimũ diẽ Aprił p̃x seq̃ utºq̧ die comp̃ p quod temp9 aptũ fuit Sccªm pro compoto cambii audiendo & p scrutac̃one oboloꝝ debitoꝝ đni Regis ut pecunia ad opus đni Regis cũ festinac̃one posset levari p guerra sua Scoc̃—

videl. Mag̃ro Johii de Cyrecestř & Johi le mareschał rememoř pcipiẽtibꝫ p annũ C š. in officio illo p huj9mođ feodo suo p idem temp9 XXV š.

Eisdem p robis suis de hoc anno I mrª.

Duobꝫ cłicis scribentibꝫ rotulos comp̃ Sccªii utºq̧ pcipiente p diem V đ. apto Sccªio in officio illo p idem temp9 LXIX š. II đ.

Cłico Theš scribenti rotulos & tałł pcipienti p diem V đ. in offic̃o illo apto Sccªio p idem temp9 XXXIIII š. VII đ.

Johi Hostiař sccªii pcipienti p annũ XX š. p custodia hostii de hoc termino V š.

Cłico scribenti Sumoñ pcipienti p annũ IIII mrª. in officio illo p p̃dc̃m temp9 I mrª.

Duobꝫ capłłis celebrantibꝫ divina in capłłis castri & Sccªii Dubłn quoꝝ quilib̃ capit p feodo suo L š. p annũ & p cera II š. p annũ ad qªmlibet capellam p feodis suis de hoc t̃mino XXVI š. - Smª IX łi. VI š. V đ.

fs. In stramine empto ad domos Baronũ & recepte VIII đ.

In hanapiis empť ad łras imponenđ XII đ.

In bagis bursis & filaciis empť VI š. IIII đ.

In cordis ad Loneria Sccªii & cultełł molanđ VII đ.

In computatoribꝫ empť ad receptã VIII đ.

In sex pixidibꝫ emptis ad łras imponenđ IX đ.

In XIIII ulnis canabi emptis ad saccos pecunie faciend & eisdem saccis suenđ V š. IIII đ.

Pro inchausto hoc t̃mino XII đ.

In portagio pecunie ad diṽsa loca hoc t̃mino VI đ.

In portagio Bagaꝝ & coffroꝝ de Castro ad Sccªm in pʳncipio huj9 t̃mini & eisdem reportanđ ad castrm in fine t̃mi VI đ.

In portagio molaꝝ & m̃emii de molendino Reg̃ sub castro Dubł p diluviũ pstrªti de aqua usq̧ ad terram II š. VI đ.

Pro XXV duodeñ pgameni empť ad rotulos & br̃ia Reg̃ sc̃benđ & ad tªnscribenđ płra debita Regis p diṽsos cłicos p tempus p̃dc̃m XXXIII š. IIII đ. - - - - - - - - Smª LIII š. II đ.

Expeñ

Expeñ Nūcioꝝ & cera empta. } ſs. Joñi hostiario ꝑ diu̇sis sum̄onicōbꝫ & bŕibꝫ đni Reg̃ portand ad diversa loca hiƀnie ad diu̇sa debita đni Regis levanda VI ſ. VI đ.
Eidem Joñi ꝑ quatuor liƀr viridis cere ad sum̄ & bŕia đni Regis sigillandđ III ſ. VIII đ. - - - - - - - Sm̄a X ſ. II đ. Sm̄a panelli XII li. IX ſ. IX đ.
Sm̄a CCCXXXIX li. VII ſ. I đ.

Pro m̄catoribꝫ de Societate ſſriscombaldoꝝ } ſs. Tholosano Donati attornato Coppi Josep Coppi Colenner & Taldi Janiani & alioꝝ socioꝝ suō m̄catoꝝ de societate ſſriscombaldoꝝ de ſſloŕ L li. in ptem solucōis XI li. in quale đñs Rex tenet' m̄catoribꝫ ꝑđcis.
Eidem Thološ attorñ eoꝝdem m̄catoꝝ X mr̄a in ptem solucōis ut sup̄a Liƀ eidem ꝑ ƀre de Liƀate de Angl - - - Sm̄a LVI li. XIII ſ. IIII đ.
S̄a LVI li. XIII ſ. IIII đ. ꝑ añas ſras.
S̄a totiꝰ tī CCC.IIII.XX.XVI li. V đ.

ꝑ conservacōne pacis Lagenie {
Nigello de Pemston clĉo assig̃to ad vadia hōinum ad arma in comitiva ſſriš Willi de Ros p'oris Hospitał sĉi Joñis Jerłm in Hiƀn teñ locū Joñ Wogan Justič hiƀn excistēciū ꝑ vadiis ꝑđcoꝝ hōinum in ptibꝫ de Novo castr̄° de M'Kynegan ꝑ ꝯsvacōne pacis đni Reg̃ comoranč solvendđ - - - - - - - - - Liƀ eiđm Nigello
Eidem Nigello assignato ad vadia hōinum ad arma in comitiva ꝑđci ſriš Willi teñ locū ut supr̄a existenč CCLXXVII li. IIII ſ. IIII đ ꝑ vadiis ꝑđcoꝝ hōinū in ptibꝫ ꝑđcis ꝑ ꝯservacōne pacis ꝑđce comoŕ solvendđ - - - - - - - Liƀ eiđm Nigello
Waltero Wogan XXIX li. III ſ. VI đ. quos posuit in expenš & vadiis X equoꝝ & XXIIII^or peditū qui ſu̇unt in comitiva sua in ptibꝫ de Offelmeth ꝑ ꝯsvacōne pacis ꝑđce ibidem a p'mo die Januaŕ anno ŕ. ŕ. Ed̄. XXX° usq; ad XII diē ſſebŕ px̄ seq̃ vidz ꝑ XLII dies ad rep̄mendū rebellionē Hiƀnicoꝝ de Mc Murthes & Obrens & eoꝝ cōpliĉm tūc ibidem existentū - Liƀ eiđm Walt̄o
} Sm̄a DCCCCLXXIX li. XIIII ſ. VI đ.

ſs. Edmūdo le Botiller CXXXIII li. VI ſ. VIII đ. ad quedam negocia expedienda sibi p 'consiliū đni Regis sp̄alius injunta ꝑ ꝯsvacōne pacis Lagenie —— Eiđm Edmūdo CC li. ad quedam negocia expedienda ut sup̄a —— Eidem Edmundo CLXVI li. XIII ſ. IIII đ. ad quedam negocia expedienda ut sup̄a —— Eidem Edmundo LXXIII li. VI ſ. VIII đ. ad quedam negocia expedienda sibi ꝑ consiliū —— Sm̄a ꝑ ꝑđco Edmundo DLXXII li. VI ſ. VIII đ. - - - - Liƀ eidem.

Empc̄o t̄raꝝ q̄ ſu̇unt Henŕ de Rocheford ad opꝰ Dñi Regis. {
ſs. Walt̄o Lenfant CVIII li. XVII ſ. VIII đ. quos Đñs Rex ei ꝯcessit ꝑ labore suo circa empc̄oem t̄raꝝ que ſu̇unt Henŕ de Rocheford ad opꝰ ip̄ius Đni Regis - - Liƀ eidem.
David le Mareñ XXIX li. XVI ſ. VIII đ. quos Đñs Rex ei ꝯcessit ꝑ labore suo c'ca empc̄oem eaꝝdem t̄raꝝ q̄ ſu̇unt ꝑđci Henŕ - - Liƀ eidem
Witt̄o Fatinel & Petro de Vile C li. quas Đñs Rex eis ꝯcessit ꝑ ſir̄a viginti libratał t̄re & reddit̄ quam ƀuerunt in manñio de Maynan ad t̄minū VI annoꝝ ex dimissione Henŕ ſił Henŕ de Rocheford quod quidem manñiū ad manꝰ đni Regł devenit - Liƀ eisđm Witt̄o & Pet°
} Sm̄a CCXXXVIII li. XIIII ſ. IIII đ.

Rotulus liberacōnū & expenš necessaŕ in t̄mino Pasch̄ anno R R Edwardi Tricesimo.

ſſeod cap̄ Just. } ſs. Joñi Wogan cap̄ Justič Hiƀn CXXV li. a XXXI° die Marcii anno ŕ. ŕ. Ed̄. XXX° usq; ad XXX diem Junii px̄ seq̃ vidz ꝑ unū q̄ŕt anni in pte solucōis ſeodi sui D. li. quod ei concessit Đñs Rex singlis annis q̄mdiu stet̄it in officō ꝑđco. —— Liƀ W. de carlion clĉo suo - - - - - - - - Sm̄a
Sm̄a CXXV li.

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Supplement to the foregoing Returns.

Hiƀn. } Magro Thom̃ Cantock Canc̃ Hiƀn XX ŧi. a festo Pasch̃ Anno r̃ r̃ Eđ. XXX° usq; ad festū sc̃i Mich̃is ꝑx̃ seq̃ns in ꝑpacac̃oem feodi sui XL ŧi. quod ei concessit đñs Rex sing̃lis annis qᵃmdiu stet̃it in offic̃o p̃đco - - - - - - - - } Liƀ eidem - - Smᵃ XX ŧi.

ffeođ Just̃ Itin̄ in Com̃ Miđ. } Roƀto de Littelbir uni Justic̃ itin̄anti in com̃ miđ X mrᵃ a IX die Marcii anno r̃. r̃. Eđ XXX° usq; ad VIII diē Junii ꝑx̃ seq̃ vidʒ ꝑ unū qᵃrt̃ anni in ꝑpacac̃oem feodi sui XL mrᵃ quod ei ꝯcessit đñs Rex sing̃lis annis qᵃmdiu stet̃it in offic̃o p̃đco - Liƀ eidem - Smᵃ VI ŧi. XIII s̃. IIII đ.

ffeođ Just̃ Itin̄ in com̃ miđ. } Joħi de Ponte alt̃i Justic̃ itin̄anti in eodem com̃ XX mrᵃ ab octavo die Aprił R̃ R̃ Eđ XXXᵐᵒ usq; ad septimū diem Octobr̃ ꝑx̃ seq̃ vidʒ ꝑ dimiđ annū in ꝑtē soluc̃ois feodi sui XL mrᵃ quod ei concessit đñs Rex sing̃lis annis qᵃdiu stet̃it in offic̃o p̃đco - Liƀ eiđm - - Smᵃ XIII ŧi. VI s̃. VIII đ.

Wiłło le Deveneys t̃cio Just̃ itin̄anti in eođm com̃ X mrᵃ a XX° die Marcii anno r̃. r̃. Eđ XXXᵐᵒ usq; ad XXIX diem Junii ꝑx̃ seq̃ vidʒ ꝑ unū qᵃrt̃ anni in ꝑpacac̃oem feodi sui XL mrᵃ quod ei concessit sing̃lis annis q̃ᵃdiu stet̃it in offic̃o p̃đco - Liƀ eiđm - Smᵃ VI ŧi. XIII s̃. IIII đ.

Wiłło Alisaundre qᵃrto Justic̃ itiner̃ in eođm com̃ XX mrᵃ ab VIII die Aprił anno r̃ r̃ Eđ XXXᵐᵒ usq; ad VII diē Octobr̃ ꝑx̃ seq̃ vidʒ ꝑ dimiđ annū in ꝑtē soluc̃ois feodi sui XL mrᵃ quod ei concessit đñs Rex sing̃lis annis qᵃdiu stet̃it in offic̃o p̃đco - Liƀ eiđm - Smᵃ XIII ŧi. VI s̃. VIII đ.

ffeođ Ric̃i Bacon custodis breviū & rotuloʒ đni Regꝭ in itin̄e Miđ. } Ric̃o Bacon custodi breviū & rot̃loʒ đni Regis in Itin̄e midie L s̃. ab incᵃstino Epiph̃ie đni anno r̃. r̃. Eđ XXXᵐᵒ usq; ad scđm diē Julii ꝑx̃ seq̃ vidʒ ꝑ đi annū in ꝑtē soluc̃ois feodi sui C s̃. quod ei concessit đñs Rex sing̃lis annis qᵃdiu stet̃it in offic̃o p̃đco - Liƀ eiđm - - Smᵃ L s̃.

Liƀac̃oes minuta feoda ministroʒ de Sccᵃio & expñ necessar̃. } In liber̃ & minutis feodis ministroʒ Sc̃c̃ii & aliis expens̃ minutis necessar̃ ꝑ XLI dies vidʒ ab incᵃstino claus̃ Pasch̃ XXXᵐᵒ die Aprilis anno r̃ r̃ Eđ XXXᵐᵒ usq; diem Saƀƀti in vigił Pent̃ IX diem Junii ꝑx̃ seq̃ utᵒq; die comp̃ vidʒ Joħi de Cyrecest̃ & Joħi le mareschal rememor̃ ꝑcipientibʒ ꝑ annū C s̃. in offic̃o illo ꝑ hujᵒmodi feodo suo de hoc t̃mino pasch̃ XXV s̃. duobus cłicis scʳbentibʒ rotłos comp̃ sccᵃii utᵒq; ꝑcipiente ꝑ diē V đ. apto sccᵃio in offic̃o illo ꝑ p̃đc̃m tempus XXXIIII s̃. II đ.

Cłico Thes̃ scʳbenti roˡᵒˢ & tałł ꝑcipienti ꝑ diē V đ. apto Sccᵃio in offic̃o illo ꝑ p̃đc̃m tempᵒ XVII s̃. I đ.

Cłico scʳbenti sum̃ ꝑcipienti ꝑ annū IIIIᵒʳ mrᵃ in offic̃o illo ꝑ p̃đc̃m tempᵒ XIII s̃. IIII đ.

Joħi hostiar̃ ꝑcipienti ꝑ annū XX s̃. in offic̃o illo ꝑ p̃đc̃m tempᵒ V s̃.

Duobʒ cap̃łłis celebᵃntibʒ divina in capellis castʳ & Sccᵃii Dubliñ quoʒ ut̃q; capit ꝑ anñ L s̃. ꝑ feodo suo de t̃mino supᵃđco XXVI s̃. - - } - - Smᵃ VI ŧi. VIIđ.

Et ꝑ XIIII duodenis ꝑg̃i ad roˡᵒˢ & ƀria đni Regis XVIII s̃. VIII đ.

Et in strāīe empto ad domos duoʒ Sccᵃioʒ V đ.

Et in mattis emptis ad scamna domoʒ eoʒđm X đ.

Et in hanapiis empt̃ VIII đ. oƀ.

Et in XVI ulnis canabi empt̃ ad saccos ꝑ pecūia imponenda faciend̃ & eisđm saccis suend̃ VI s̃. II đ.

Et in bagis bursis & filac̃ hoc t̃mino VI s̃. VI đ.

Et ꝑ inchausto hoc t̃mino XII đ.

Et in discis empt̃ ad pecuniam imponend̃ in recepta X đ.

Et in cultellis moland̃ ad tałł faciend̃ II đ.

Et in portagio bagaʒ & coffroʒ de castro ad Sccᵃm in p̃ncipio hujᵒ t̃mini & eisdem reportand̃ ad castrᵐ in fine ejusđm t̃mini VI đ.

Et in portagio pecūie usq; sc̃am Trinitatē hoc termīo IIII đ. - - } - Smᵃ XXXVI s̃. I đ. oƀ.

Expens̃

Expenš Nūcioꝝ & cera empta. } Joħi hostiaꝛ Sccⁱii p diu̇sis bꝛ̄ibꝫ & suñi ðni Regis portand ad diu̇sa loca hiðñ p debitis ðni Regᵉ levand III š VI đ.

Eiðm Joħi p IIIIᵉʳ Libris & dimiđ viridis cere emptis ad suñ et ðria ðni Reg̃ sigillanđ IIII š. VI đ. - - - Smᵃ VIII š. Smᵃ hjᵒ panelli VIII li. III š. VIII đ. ob.

Sᵃ usq; huc CIIII.XX.XV li. XIIII š. VIII đ. ob.

Pro m̃catoꝛ de Societ ffriscombaldoꝝ. } Thološ Donati attornatꝰ Coppi Josep Coppi Cotenne & Talđi Janiani & alioꝝ socioꝝ suoꝝ m̃catoꝝ de Societate ffriscombaldoꝝ de ffl̃orencia XIX li. XIII š. IIII đ. in ptē soluc̃ois undecim miliū libꝛ̄ sterlingoꝝ in quibꝫ đñs Rex tenetᵉ m̃catoꝛ p̃đcis - - - - -

Lib eiđm Thološ p bꝛ̄e de Libate de Angł - - - Smᵃ XIX li. XIII š. IIII đ.

Sc̃cᵉm Angł. } In Thᵉro ad Sccᵉm Angł p Joħem Wogan LV li. VI š. VIII đ.

In Thᵉro ibiđm p eundem Joħem p maritagio Margaꝛ de Staunton LX li. - - - - - - - - - - - Smᵃ CXV li. VI š. VIII đ.

p duas Talł de Sc̃cio Angł.

Soluc̃ō p quibꝫdā rebꝫ ad opᵊ Joħi de Sc̃ō Joħe in ptibꝫ Galwydie. } Rog̃o le Neyr Gilbto de hōem & Steph̃o de la More de Drogheda XXXVIII li. pro quibꝫdam rebꝫ ab eis emptis ad opᵊ Joħis de sc̃ō Joħe tenentis locū dni Regis in ptibꝫ Galwydie - Lib eisd p bꝛ̄e de Sccᵉio Angł - - - - - - - - - - - Smᵃ XXXVIII li.

Soluc̃ō p victuał missis in Vasconiam. } Micħi Eṕo Ossoꝛ XX li. XIIII š. V đ. ob. p CXIIII. cuᵃ V buš frumenti ab eo emptis & missis in vasconiam p sustentac̃one exc̃itus ðni Regis ibidem - - - - - - - - -

Lib eiđm p bꝛ̄e de p̃vato sigillo - - - - - Smᵃ XX li. XIIII š. V đ. ob.

Gwłrra Scocie.

Pro Willo de Caunteton. } Willo de Caunteton nup vic̃ Cork CCXXXVII li. IIII š. V đ. ad vina emenda p̃videnda & mittenda in Scoc̃ p munic̃one castᵉᵒꝝ ðni Regᵉ ibidem - - - - Lib eidem - Smᵃ CCXXXVII li. IIII š. V đ.

Smᵃ CCCC.XXX li. XVIII š. X đ. ob.

Sm̃ᵃ exiꝛ hjᵒ m̃mini pasce - - DCXXVI li. XIII š. VII đ.

Rotulus Libac̃ōnū & expenš necessaꝛ in m̃mino sc̃e Trinitatis anno r̃ r̃ Edwardi XXXᵐᵒ.

ffeođ caꝑ Justˉ Hiðñ. } Maur̃ de Rupe forti teñ locū Joħis Wogan caꝑ Justic̃ Hiðñ CXXV li. a XXX die Junii anno r̃ r̃ Edwardi XXXᵐᵒ usq; ad XXIX die Sept̃ p̃x seq̃ vidꝫ p unū qᵃr̃ anni in ptē soluc̃ois feodi sui D li. quod cōcessit ei Đñs Rex singlis añis qᵃdiu stet̃it in offic̃ō p̃đco - - - - - - Lib eiđm - Smᵃ CXXV li.

ffeođ teñ pła Caꝑ Justic̃. } Walt̃o Lenfant teñ płita caꝑ Justˉ hiðñ sequencia XX li. a XIII die Decembr̃ año r̃ r̃ Edwardi XXXᵐᵒ usq; ad XIIII die Juñ p̃x seq̃ in ptē soluc̃ois feodi sui XL li. quod ei cōcessit Đñs Rex singlis añis qᵃdiu stet̃it in offic̃ō p̃đco - - - - Lib eiđm - Smᵃ XX li.

Eiđm Walt̃o teñ eađm pła X li. a XV die Juñ anno r̃ r̃ Ed XXXᵐᵒ usq; ad XV die Sept̃ p̃x seq̃ p I qᵃr anni in ptē solc̃ois feodi sui XL li. quod ei c̃cessit Đñs Rex singlis añis qᵃdiu stet̃it in offic̃ō p̃đco - - - - - - - - - - Lib eiđm - Smᵃ X li.

Joħi de Fresingfeld assignato loco p̃đci Walt̃i Lenfant ad eađm pła tenenda dum idem Walt̃s płis đni Regᵉ in itin̄e Com̃i Miđ intendebat X l. a XV die Sept̃ anno r̃. r̃. Ed. XXXᵐᵒ usq; ad XIII die Decembr̃ p̃x seq̃ p unū qᵃr anni in ptē soluc̃ feodi sui XL li. quod ei c̃cessit Đñs Rex singlis añis qᵃdiu stet̃it in offic̃ō p̃đco - Lib eiđ - Smᵃ X li.

ffeod Walſri Lenfant Juſt itiñantis in Com̃ mid. } Walſo Lenfant Justic̃ itiñanti in com̃ Mid X ħi. a XV die Septembr̃ año r̃. r̃. Ed XXX^mo usq; ad XIII die Decembr̃ p̃x seq̃ p I q^r añi in ptē soluc̃ feodi sui XL ħi. quod ei ꝯcessit Dñs Rex singlis annis q^diu stetit in officō p̄dco - - - Lib eid - - - - - Sm^a X ħi.

ffeod Justic̃ de Banco Dubln. } Simoni de Ludegate cap̃ Just de Banco Dubliñ XX ħi. a festo Pasch̄ anno r̃ r̃. Ed XXX^mo usq; ad festū sc̃i Michis p̃x seq̃ in ppac̃ feodi sui XL ħi. quod ei ꝯcessit dñs Rex singlis annis q^diu stetit in officō p̄dco - - - Lib eidm - - - - - - - Sm^a XX ħi.

Magistro Thē de Chaddesworth uni Just de Bāco Dubliñ XX mr^a a festo Pasch̄ anno r̃. r̃. Ed XXX^mo usq; ad festū sc̃i Michis p̃x seq̃ vidz p dimid Annū in ppac̃ feodi sui XL mr^a quod ei ꝯcessit dñs rex singlis annis q^diu stetit in officō p̄dco - Lib eid - Sm^a XIII ħi. VI š. VIII d.

Thome de Smythby alſi Justic̃ de Banco Dubliñ XX mr^a a festo Pasch̄ anno r̃. r̃. Ed XXX^mo usq; ad festū sc̃i Michis p̃x seq̃ vz p dī anñ in ppac̃ feodi sui XL mr^a quod ei ꝯcessit dñs Rex singlis annis q^diu stetit in officō p̄dco - - Lib eid - - Sm^a XIII ħi. VI š. VIII d.

ffeod custodis breviū & rōloz de Banco Dubliñ. } Henr̃ de Thrapestoñ custodi breviū & rōloz Dñi Regꝯ de Banco Dubliñ L š. a XVII die Decembr̃ anno r̃ r̃ Edwardi XXX^mo usq; ad XVIII die Juñ p̃x seq̃ vidz p dimid annū in ppac̃ feodi sui C š. quod ei ꝯcessit Dñs Rex singlis annis q^diu stetit in officō p̄dco - Lib eid - Sm^a L š.

ffeod custod Castr̃ de Kildar̃. } Walſo Lenfaunt custodi castr̃ de Kildare IIII ħi. in ptē solucōis feodi sui X ħi. p c^odtodia ej^odm cast^r a XV die Januar̃ anno r̃ r̃ Edwardi XXX^mo usq; ad XV diem Jul p̃x seq̃ vidz p dimid annū. Et unde ptinēt p̄dce IIII ħi. p̄dco Walſo a p̄dco XV die Jañ usq; XXIX die Marcii p̃x seq̃ p LXXIIII dies q illo XXIX die Marcii dimisit p̄dcs Walſs custod cast^r p̄dci Albto de Kenley p tre de Angl——Eidm Albto VI ħi. in ppac̃ p̄dcaz X ħi. usq; ad p̄dcm XV die Jul - Lib eisd Sm^a X ħi.

ffeod Consť Cast^r Dubliñ. } Simoni de Ludegate consť cast^r Dubliñ CI š. p custodia ej^odm cast^r a p^rmo die Marcii añ̃o r̃. r̃. Ed XXX^mo usq; die Sabbi in vigil Penť IX die Junii p̃x seq̃ p XX V & I dies quo nono die Juñ diñsit c^odtodiam cast^r p̄dci Joħi le Ussher p tre de Angl.

Eidem Joħi IIII ħi. III š. p c^odtodia ej^odm cast^r a X die Juñ anno sup^adco usq; XXXI die Aug^oti p̃x seq̃ p XX IIII III dies ut^oq; die comp̃ - - Lib eisd Simoni & Joħi - - - - Sm^a IX ħi. IIII š.

ffeod custod Cast^oz de Roscoman & Raundoñ. } Walſo Wogan custodi cast^oz de Roscoman & Raundoñ LXXV ħi. p custodia eozdm Castroz a XXX^mo die Januar̃ anno r̃. r̃. Edwardi XXX^mo usq; ad XXX^m diem Octobr̃ p̃x seq̃ vidz p Tria q^arſia anni - Lib eidm - Sm^a LXXV ħi.

ffeod c^odtodis Cast^r de Adloñ. } Hugoni de Lacy c^odtodi castri de Adloñ XXX ħi. p custodia ej^odm castr̃ a XVII dje Febr̃ anno r̃. r̃. Ed XXX^mo usq; ad XVII diem Novembr̃ p̃x seq̃ vidz p Tria quarſia Anni - - Lib eidem - - - Sm^a XXX ħi.

Elemosina Regis. } Abbi Sc̃i Thē Dubliñ X mr^a a fo Pasch̄ anno r̃. r̃. Ed XXX^mo usq; festū sc̃i Michis p̃x seq̃ in ppac̃ XX mr^a quas pcipe debet p annū ad Scc^m Dubliñ de elemosia dni Regis constituta - Lib eidm - Sm^a VI ħi. XIII š. IIII d.

Vad Walenš. } Joħi de Cestria magro XIIII Walenš Deputatoz ad pacem Dni Regꝯ custodiend XXI ħi. XVIII š. VIII d. p vadiis eozdm Walenš ab in c^astino Annūciac̃onis b̄e Marie Virginis anno r̃. r̃. Edwardi XXX^mo usq; ad die sc̃i Michis p̃x seq̃ vidz p XX IX VIII dies utroq; die comp̃ quoz quilibet capit p diem II d.

Eidm Joħi de Cest^a LXII š. VIII d. p vadiis suis pp^is p idm temp^o qui capit p diem IIII d. - - Lib eidm - - - Sm^a XXV ħi. XVI d.

ffeod

ffeod Theš Hibñ. } Ricō de Bereford Theš Hibñ XX li. a festo Pasch anno r. r. Ed XXX^mo usq; fm sci Michis px seq in ppac feodi sui XL li. quod ei ccessit Dñs Rex singlis añis q^diu stet̄it in officō p̄dco - Lib eidem - Sm^a XX li.

ffeod Canc de Scc'io. } Magro Ad de Bodingtoñ canc Sc'ii Dubliñ C š. a festo Pasch año r. r. Ed XXX^mo usq; ad festū sci Michis px seq in ppac feodi sui X li. quod ei concessit Dñs Rex singlis annis q^diu stet̄it in officō p̄dco - - - - - Lib eidem - - - - - - Sm^a C š.

ffeod Baroñ de Scc'io. } Ricō de Sah'm uni Baroni de Scc'io X mr^a a festo Pasch anno r r Ed XXX^mo usq; festū sci Michis px seq in ppac feodi sui XX mr^a quod ei concessit Dñs Rex singlis annis q^diu stet̄it in officō p̄dco - - - - - Lib eidem - - - Sm^a VI li. XIII š. IIII d.

Willo de Meones al̄i Baroni de eodm scc'io X mr^a a festo Pasch anno r. r. Ed XXX° usq; festū sci Michis px seq in ppac feodi sui XX mr^a quod ei concessit Dñs Rex singlis annis q^diu stet̄it in officō p̄dco - - - - - Lib eidm - - - - - Sm^a VI li. XIII š. IIII d.

ffeod Camer de Sccio. } Magro Gilbto de Arderne uni camer de Scc'io V mr^a a festo Pasch anno r r Edwardi XXX^mo usq; festū sci Michis px seq in ppacacōem feodi sui X mr^a quod ei concessit Dñs Rex singlis annis q^diu stet̄it in officō p̄dco - - - Lib eidm - - - - - Sm^a LXVI š. VIII d.

Henr de Walecoñ al̄i camer de eodm scc'io V mr^a a festo Pasch anno r. r. Ed XXX^mo usq; festū sci Michis px seq in ppac feodi sui X mr^a quod concessit Dñs Rex singlis annis q^diu stet̄it in officō p̄dco - - - - - Lib eidem - - - - - Sm^a LXVI š. VIII d.

Libacões & minuta feoda ministroz de Scc'io et expenš necessar. } ſs. In Libacōibz & minutis feodis ministroz Scc'ii & aliis expenš minutis necessar p XLVI dies vidz a die Lune px p^ost octab sce Trinitatis & c^estino sci Johis Baptiste XV die Junii anno r r Ed. XXX^mo usq; die Jovis in vigil sci Laur px seq vidz IX diem Aug^osti ult^oq; die comp —— Vidz Joh de Cirecestr & Joh le Maresch rememor pcipientibz p annū C š. in officō illo p huj^omodi feodo suo de hoc l̄io sce T'nit XXV š.

Duobz clicis Sc'bentibz rotulos comp̄ Scc'ii ult^oq; pcipiente p diem V d. apto Scc'io in officō illo p p̄dcm temp^o XXXVIII š. IIII d.

Clico Theš scribenti ro^lo^ & tall in recepta pcipienti p die V d. apto scc'io in officō illo p p̄dcm temp^o XIX š. II d.

Clico scribenti sum pcipienti p annū IIII mr^a in officō illo de p̄dco l̄mio XIII š. IIII d.

Joh Host Scc'ii pcipienti p ann XX š. p feodo hostii scc'ii p idem temp^o V š.

Duobz capll̄is celebrantibz divina in capellis castr & Scc'ii Dubliñ quoz ul̄q; capit p annū L š. p feodo suo & p cera II š. ad q^d capllam de eodm l̄mio XXVI š. ſs. Sm^a VI li. VI š. X d.

Et in XV duodenis p̄gi empt̄ ad ro^lo^ & br̄ia dni Regis XX š.

Et in cirpis empt̄ ad domos duoz scc'ioz V d.

Et in XV Ulnis canabi empt̄ ad saccos p pecūia inponēd faciend & eisdm saccis suendis V š. VI d.

Et in duobz novis cultellis empt̄ ad tall faciend VIII d.

Et in bagis bursis & filaciis IIII š. VI d.

Et p inchausto hoc l̄mino XII d.

Et in portag bagaz & coffroz de castro ad scc'm in p'ncipio l̄mini & eisdm reportand ad castrū in fine l̄i VI d.

Et in portag pecūie apd T'nitatē hoc l̄io IIII d. - Sm^a XXXII š. XI d.

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APPENDIX.

Exchequer: Equity Side.

57. Chief Remembrancer.

Supplement to the foregoing Returns.

Expen Nūcioꝝ & cera empta. ⎫ Johi Hostiar Sccii p diu̇sis sum̃ & bṙibꝫ dni Regꝭ portand ad diu̇sa loca Hibñ p debit dni Regꝭ levand II ſ. VI d.
Eidm Joh̃i p t'bꝫ libr̃ virid cere ad sum̃ et bria Regꝭ sigillandꝫ IIII ſ. - - - - - - - - - Sm̃a V ſ. VI d. - Sm̃a huj̃o panelli VIII li. V ſ. III d. ⎭

S̃a ūq; huc cū IIII li.
de W lēſāt
C
IIII XXXIII li. VII ſ. III d.

Pro m̃catoribꝫ de Societate fri-combaldoꝝ. ⎫ ſs. Tholoſ Donati attorñ Coppi Josep Coppi Cotenne & Taldi Janiani & alioꝝ soc̃oꝝ suoꝝ m̃catoꝝ de Societate friscombaldꝝ de Florenc̃ CCCX li. in pte solucõis undecim miliū libr̃ ſt̃lingaꝝ in quibꝫ Dñs Rex tenet' m̃catoribꝫ p̃dcis —— Lib eidm Thot Andr̃ Gerardi attorñ eoꝝdm m̃catoꝝ XX li. in pte solucõis debiti sup'dci Lib eid Andr̃ Eidm Andr̃ VIII li. in ⎫ - - - - - - Lib eidm Andr̃ - Sm̃a CCCXXXVIII li.
pte solucõis debiti sup'dci - ⎭ p tres lras acquiet.
C
S̃ III.XXXVIII li.

Pro Thoma de Colecestre. ⎫ Thome de Colecestr̃ CXXI li. XII ſ. IX d. p XLIIII doleis vini ab eo Londoñ captis p manus Willi Trente ad expen̄ Margarete Regine Angl Apd Wodestock in puerpio jacentis - Lib eidm Thē - Sm̃a CXXI li. XII ſ. IX d. ⎭

Pro Ric̃o de Wardingtoñ. ⎫ Ric̃o de Wardyntoñ clico dni Regꝭ misso in Hibñ ad supvidend victualia mittenda in Scociā XV li. III ſ. IIII d. qui ei debent' in garderoba dci dni Regꝭ p ultīo passagio suo in Hibñ & aliis passag̃ suis in obſquio ej̃dm Dni Regꝭ & p aliis rebꝫ s̃i debitis in garderoba p̃dca.
Eidm Ric̃o VI li. III ſ. p vadiis suis morando ī Hibñ ult̃a pvid vicē a IIII'o die Jun̄ añō r̃ r̃ Ed XXX^mo usq; die Vem̃is ī fo sc̃i Barthi XX XXIIII die Aug̃ti p̃x seq̃ p IIII II dies ut̃q; die c̃p q̃ cap' p die XVIII d.
p br̃e de p'vato sigillo - - - - - - - - - S̃m XXI li. III ſ. IIII d. ⎭

S̃a duaꝝ pticlaꝝ
C.XLII li. XVI ſ. I d.

GWERRA SCOCIE.

Pro Johe Wogan. ⎫ Johi Wogan C li. in quibꝫ dñs Rex ei tenebaṫr in garderoba sua de vadiis suis & restauro equoꝝ suoꝝ de tempe quo cū dco dno Rege in ultima expedic̃one sua Scocie stetit & eciam p passagio suo ad ptes Hibñ de tempe Johis de Drokenefford c̃todis garderobe dni Regꝭ p̃dci——Lib eidm Johi p br̃e de Libate de Angl - - - - - - Sm̃a C li. ⎭

Pro Thoma de Maundevile. ⎫ Thome de Maundevile DLXVI li. XIII ſ. IIII d. in quibꝫ dñs Rex ei tenet' in garderoba sua de vadiis suis & restauro equoꝝ suoꝝ de tempe quo cū ipo dno Rege in ultima expedic̃one sua Scocie stetit & eciam p passagio suo ad ptes Hibñ de tempe Johis de Drokenefford custodis garderobe Dni Regis predicti - Lib eidm Thome p br̃e de libate de Angl - - - - - - - - - Sm̃a DLXVI li. XIII ſ. IIII d. ⎭

Pro Eustachio Le Poer. ⎫ Eustachio le Poer CCCC li. in quibꝫ dñs Rex ei tenet' in garderoba sua de vadiis suis & restauro equoꝝ suoꝝ de tempore quo cū ipo dno Rege in ultima expedic̃one sua Scocie stetit & eciā p passagio suo ad ptes hibñ de tempore Johis de Drokenefford custodis garderobe dni Regis p̃dci - - Lib eid Eustach p br̃e de Libate de Angl - Sm̃a CCCC li. ⎭

Pro Johe de Hothom. ⎫ Johi de Hothom LVII li. III ſ. IIII d. in quibꝫ dñs Rex ei tenet' in garderoba sua de vadiis suis & restauro equoꝝ suoꝝ de tempore quo cū ipo dno Rege in ultima expedic̃oe sua Scocie stetit & p passagio suo ad ptes Hibñ de tempe Johis de Drokenefford custodis
S̃a hoꝝ IIII'or brevi garder dni Regꝭ p̃dci Lib eidm Johi p br̃e de Lib de Angl - Sm̃a LVII li. III ſ. IIII d. ⎭
de Angl.
L
M.CXXIII li. XVI ſ. VIII d.

Pro Joħi fit Thome. } Joħi fit Thome $\overset{XX}{C}$.IIII.XI ħi. XVIII š. II đ. qui aretro sunt p vadiis suis & restauro equoꝝ suoꝝ & passagio hoĩum et equoꝝ suoꝝ de Scocia in Hiþñ de tempe quo fuit cū Edwardo principe Gallie in ultima gwerra đni Regℓ in Scocia put patet p comꝑ Joħi de Hothom assignati ad soluciones vadioꝝ homiñ ad arma & passagii eoꝝđm de Hiþñ in Scociã & repassagii iꝑoꝝ de Scoc̃ in Hiþñ ſac̃ - } Lib̃ eiđ Joħi p bŕe de Libate de Angł $\overset{XX}{Sm^a}$ C.IIII.XI ħi. XVIII š. II đ.

Pro Petro de Birmengham. } Petro de Byrmengham $\overset{XX}{IIII}$.X ħi. XVI š. VIII đ. qui ei aretro sunt de vadiis suis dum stetit in ultima gwerra đni Regis in Scocia & p restauro equoꝝ & repassagio homiñ & equoꝝ suoꝝ de Scoc̃ in Hiþñ put paſ̃ p comꝑ Joħis de Hothom assignati ad solucc̃oes vadioꝝ hoĩum ad arma passagii eoꝝđm de Hiþñ in Scoc̃ & repassagii iꝑoꝝ de Scoc̃ in Hiþñ ſac̃ redditū in Scc^io Dubliñ - Lib̃ eidem Petro p bŕe de Lib̃ de Hiþñ - - - $\overset{XX}{Sm^a}$ IIII.X ħi. XVI š. VIII đ.

ꝑ Joħe Wogan. } Joħi Wogan D.CCC.XVIII ħi. II š. IX đ. qui sibi aretro ſũunt de vadiis suis dū stetit in ultima gwerra đni Regℓ in Scoc̃ & p restauro equoꝝ suoꝝ & repassagio homiñ & equoꝝ de Scoc̃ in Hiþñ put paſ̃ p comꝑ Joħis de Hothom assignati ad solucc̃oes vadioꝝ homiñ ad arma & passagii eoꝝđm de Hiþñ in Scociã & repassagii iꝑoꝝ de Scocia in Hiþñ ſac̃ redditū in Scc^io Dubliñ - Lib̃ eiđm Joħi p bŕe de Libeŕ de Hiþñ - DCCCXVIII ħi. II š. IX đ.

pro Roℊo de Lees. } Roℊo de Lecs C š. p aĩŕ vadioꝝ suoꝝ de tempore quo fuit in ultima gwerra đni Regℊ in Scoc̃ put paſ̃ p comꝑ Joħis de Hothom assignati ad solucc̃oes vadioꝝ faciendas hôibꝫ ad arma T^ansfretantibꝫ de Hiþñ in Scoc̃ p expedic̃one gwerre đni Regℊ ibiđm & repassagio eoꝝđm de Scoc̃ in Hiþñ - Lib̃ eiđm Roℊo—p bŕe de Libeŕ de Hiþñ - Sm^a C š.

Pro Joħe Beneger. } Joħi Beneger $\overset{XX}{IIII}$. XVIIII ħi. XIIII š. IIII đ. qui ei debebant' p vadiis suis & restauro equoꝝ suoꝝ & repassagio homiñ & equoꝝ suoꝝ de Scoc̃ in Hiþñ de tempe quo stetit in ultĩa gwerra đni Regis in Scocia put paſ̃ p comꝑ Joħis de Hothom assignati ad solucc̃oes vadioꝝ homiñ ad arma & repassagii iꝑoꝝ de Scoc̃ in Hiþñ & restauri equoꝝ suoꝝ ſac̃ redditū in Scc^io Dubliñ — Lib̃ eidem Joħi ——— p breve de Libeŕ de Hiþñ - - - $\overset{XX}{Sm^a}$ IIII.XVIII ħi. XIIII š. IIII đ.

Pro Reginaldo Russel. } Reginaldo Russel VIII ħi. XIIII š. V đ. quos posuit in repassagio homiñ & equoꝝ suoꝝ venienciū de expedic̃one gwerre đni Regis de Scocia in Hiþñ sicut patet p comꝑ Joħis de Hothom assignati ad solucc̃ones vadioꝝ homiñ ad arma & passagii eoꝝđm de Hiþñ in Scoc̃ & repassagii iꝑoꝝ de Scoc̃ in Hiþñ ſac̃ redditū in Scc^io Dubliñ Lib̃ eiđm Regiñ —— p bŕe de libeŕ de Hiþñ - - - Sm^a VIII ħi. XIIII š. V đ.

Sm^a hoꝝ VI bŕĩm L M.CC.XIII ħi. VI š. IIII đ.

Pro Joħe Lanthian & Berñ Mey } Joħi Lanthyan & Bernardo Mey ꝑviš victuał đni Regℓ aꝑd Ros CLX ħi. XI š. XI đ. ad blada vina & alia vicŧ ibidem emenda & mittenda in Scoc̃ p expedic̃one Guerre ibidē——Lib̃ eisdem—Sm^a CLX ħi. XI š. XI đ.

ꝑ Thoma Coliꝫ & Joħe Bowet. } Thẽ Coliꝫ & Joħi Bowet ꝑviš victuał đni Regℓ aꝑd Dubliñ CCXIX ħi. XIIIš. VIII đ. ad blada vina & alia vicŧ emenda ꝑvidenda & mittenda usqꝫ scoc̃ p munic̃one cast°ꝝ đni Regis ibidem—— Lib̃ eisdem - Sm^a CCXIX ħi. XIII š. VIII đ.

Pro Joħe Roch & Gℊvas Ingelberd. } Joħi Roch & Gℊvas Ingelberd ꝑviš vicŧ đni Regℓ aꝑd Drogheda $\overset{XX}{IIII}$ ħi. XIII š. IIII đ. ad blada vina & alia vicŧ emenda ꝑvidenda & mittenda usqꝫ Scociã p munic̃one cast°ꝝ đni Regℓ ibidem - - - } - Lib̃ eisdem - $\overset{XX}{Sm^a}$ IIII ħi. XIII š. IIII đ.

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57. Remembrancer.

Supplement to the foregoing Returns.

Pro Ric̃o Barry & Nich̃o le Ken. } Ric̃o Barry & Nich̃o le Ken ꝑvis̃ vict̃ d̃ni Regꝭ ap̃d Wat̃ford CCCCI ł̃i. XIII s̃. IIII d̃. ad blada vina & alia vict̃ ibidem emenda ꝑvidenda & mittenda usq; Scociam ꝑ expedic̃one guerre d̃ni Regis ibidem - - - - - Lib̃ eisd̃m - Sma CCCCI ł̃i. XIII s̃. IIII d̃.

Sma huj9 t̃mini sc̃e T'nit̃ L M L M L M CXIII ł̃i. XVIII s̃. VII. d̃.

Sma Smaꝫ omnĩ exit̃ istius anni L M VII CXXIII ł̃i. XVII s̃. IIII d̃. ob̃.

Exit9 de toto anno Tricesimo—

58. Examiners of Court of Exchequer.

58. EXAMINERS.

(1.)—INTERROGATORIES exhibited to Witnesses in Causes instituted in the Equity-side of the Court of Exchequer in Ireland, and the Depositions taken thereto by me, are the only Records in my Possession. When His Majesty appoints a Baron of the Court of Exchequer, such Baron appoints his Examiner. I am Examiner to the Honourable Baron Smith; and have in my custody such Interrogatories as have been lodged with me since my appointment, and the Depositions taken thereto by me, and none others.

(2.)—Such Records as are described in my Answer to the first Quere, are lodged in my own private Office, at No. 58, Camden-street; it is as secure as any private apartment in a gentleman's house, in a press put up at my own expense. The Office is, of course, private property.

(3.)—The Records are in good preservation, and alphabetically arranged.

(4.)—I have no Catalogue or Index of the said Interrogatories and Depositions. The Depositions are enclosed in their respective Interrogatories, and alphabetically arranged in a pigeon-hole alphabet. I do not think that any material degree of utility would result from a Catalogue or Index being made, (which, however might be made at a small expense.) When the Order for publication in a Cause is lodged with the Examiner, the Parties concerned take out from him attested Copies of the Interrogatories and Depositions; after which, there is usually no Search made for the Record. I do not think that since my appointment any Search for a Record has been made in my Office.

(5.)—I have no Officer or Clerk assisting me, in the custody or arrangement of said Records:—(The business of a single Examiner being very limited, his Examination of Witnesses being, in general, confined to Persons residing in the City of Dublin; all other Witnesses being examined under Commissions issued for that purpose.) I have no regular hour of attendance in my Office; I do not believe I examined a Witness in the course of last Term; when I am employed by an Agent to examine Witnesses in a Cause, I attend for that purpose at my Office, or go out to examine, if required. I never, since my appointment, was required to attend with any Record out of my Office, save, when I attended to examine a Witness abroad. When attested Copies are required of me, I employ a copying Clerk to write them, and then compare, and attest them by signing my name on the back of them.

(6.)—If any Person should require to see any Record in my custody, I would open my press, of which I always keep the key, and shew it; and, when inspected, return the Record to its proper place in the Alphabet; but no such Search was ever, to my recollection, required of me.

(7.)—I am of opinion, that it would much convenience the Examiners and the Public, if each Examiner were allowed a small Office, in the Public Offices on the Inns Quay, for the safe custody of the Records: for instance, I am totally ignorant of what has become of the Interrogatories and Depositions of my immediate predecessor, Mr. Ford, late Examiner to the Honourable Baron Medtge, who was succeeded by Baron Smith; whereas, if four apartments were allotted to the Examiners, they would succeed to the custody of the Records in the possession of their predecessors in office, all of which, or the major part of them, I am convinced, are not forthcoming. I also think, that an Act of Parliament, empowering the Examiners of the Court of Exchequer (who are Sworn Officers of the Court,) to swear the Witnesses (as Examiners in the Court of Chancery are empowered,) would much conduce to the safe keeping of the Interrogatories; as, under the present system, whenever a Witness is required to be sworn, the Examiner is obliged to part with the Record to the Attorney concerned, or his Clerk, who is to attend the Witness to a Baron of the Court, to be sworn, by which the Record runs a risk of being either lost or altered.

J. S. Emerson,
Examiner to the Honourable Baron Sir W. C. Smith, Baronet.

59. ACCOUNTANT GENERAL.

The ANSWER of the ACCOUNTANT GENERAL of the COURT of EXCHEQUER, to the QUERIES of the Commissioners of Public Records.

THE Office of Accountant General of the Court of Exchequer was constituted by Act of Parliament, in the year 1784; and I was the first appointed to the Office under that Act. The duties of the Office are prescribed by that Act, to which I beg leave to refer; but a great variety of new duties have been annexed to it by the Court, which render the execution of it now infinitely more laborious, complex, and dangerous to the Officer and to the Public.

(1.)—The Records of my Office are; First, the Orders of the Court of Exchequer, and Certificates of the Chief Remembrancer of that Court, whereby in all the variety of Causes in that Court, different Sums of Money, Deeds, Securities, and other Papers, are ordered to be lodged in the Bank of Ireland.—Second, The Schedules of those Deeds and Securities, &c. so ordered to be lodged.—Third, The Orders of said Court, whereby the different Sums of Money so lodged are ordered to be paid out to different Persons, in the progress of the Suits, or at the termination of the Causes respectively; and the like Orders, whereby the different Securities, &c. are ordered to be delivered out.—Fourth, The Orders, whereby the Government Stock is ordered to be purchased, and again ordered to be sold or transferred, in the progress or termination of the respective Causes.—Fifth, The Powers of Attorney, under which the Sums, Securities, and other Papers, ordered to be paid out or handed over, or the Government Stock ordered to be transferred, are sometimes received, when the persons in whose favour the Order is made, cannot attend in person to receive them.—Sixth, The Affidavits verifying those Powers of Attorney, made by one of the subscribing Witnesses, sometimes before a Judge in Dublin, sometimes before Judges, and Chief Magistrates of Towns in England or elsewhere, and sometimes before Commissioners in the country towns for receiving Affidavits.—Seventh, The Certificates and Calculations of Public Notaries and Stock Brokers, of the Current Price of the Day of Government Securities and Stock, when the Order of the Court directs that any specific Sum in Bank shall be vested in Government Securities, or that such Securities shall be sold or transferred.—Eighth, The Chief Remembrancer's Certificates, of the Amount of Costs ordered to be taxed and paid in all the different Causes.—Ninth, The Journals and Ledgers, in which Accounts are kept of all Sums paid into the Bank and paid out of it; of all Stock bought, sold, or transferred; and of all the times at which such Sums have been paid in and paid out, and at which such Stock has been bought, sold, or transferred, the Persons who paid in, and to whom such Sums have been paid out, and to whom such Transfers have been made.—Tenth, The Receipt Books, in which all Persons who receive Drafts for Money, or Transfer of Stock, or Orders on the Bank to take out Deeds, Securities, or other Papers, give Receipts for the same.—Eleventh, The Schedules of all Deeds and Securities lodged in the different Causes, by Order of the Court, in the Bank.—Twelfth, The Draft Books, from whence all Drafts on the Bank for Money, or Transfer of Stock, are taken, and given to the Persons for whom they are ordered; a part of each leaf, on which the Draft or Transfer is drawn, is left in the Book, in which is stated the date of the Draft or Transfer made, and the Person in whose favour it is drawn or transferred; and whenever the Accountant General draws a Draft or makes a Transfer, he sends a Certificate of such Draft or Transfer to the Clerk of the Reports, who keeps that Certificate, and files it as of Record. There are some other Papers, connected with, and dependent on the above-mentioned Records, Books and Papers, which are of little consequence, and which it would be very difficult and tedious to detail. All these Records, Books, and Papers have been regularly kept by me, and those who have acted under me in my Office, during a period of seven and twenty years; and I think I can venture to say, there is not a single chasm or deficiency in them. I settle my Accounts regularly once a year with the Bank of Ireland; and during the whole course of those seven and twenty years there has not been a single farthing difference between us.

(2.)—All the above Records, &c. &c. are kept at my Dwelling-house in Leinster-street. Government has never allowed me sixpence for the rent of an Office, or more than one Clerk, at a Salary of forty-seven pounds eleven shillings per annum; and my own Salary is but two hundred and eighty-eight pounds per annum. The Office requires incessant attention every day in the year (Sundays and Christmas Day excepted.) The Hours of Attendance are from ten to three o'clock. I have applied for, but have not got any Office in the Public Buildings at the Four Courts. I think no private house so secure for Public Records as an Office in those Buildings would be: great part of the house I live in, was once destroyed by fire.

I conceive the Answer to the third and fourth Quere is comprised in what I have already stated.

(5.)—Government, as above stated, allows but one Clerk, and to that Clerk but 47*l.* 11*s.* per annum; and as the business has increased enormously, since the institution of the Office, it requires my own incessant attention, as well as his, to fulfil its various and complicated duties; the least error may prove fatal to an incalculable extent. The Act of Parliament has forbid my receiving Fees; and I can boldly challenge every Attorney in the Hall, and every other man in the United Kingdom, to shew that I have, during the whole course of twenty-seven years (that I have been in Office) ever by myself, or by any body on my behalf,

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or for my use, received one farthing Fee, Gratuity, or Emolument, of any kind whatsoever, for any thing done in the execution of my Office; and I can, with equal boldness, challenge all the Suitors in the Hall to shew, that any man has ever lost a single farthing by any mistake, error, or misconduct of mine, in the execution of that office. Yet, although the labour and responsibility of the Office have increased four-fold; although the Emoluments of every other Office in the Courts increase by Fees, in proportion to their trouble; although other Offices have doubled and trebled their Fees, compared with what they were twenty-seven years ago; and although the Salaries of the Judges have been more than doubled within that period; the Office of Accountant General has alone remained stationary, without one penny addition from the day it was instituted: so that, were it not for an expectation of increase of Salary, no gentleman of property and responsibility would hold it an hour. It is certainly the worst paid Office in Ireland. My late Clerk, Mr. Mollan, refused to remain in the Office under a Salary of 150*l.* per annum; and my present Clerk would not remain five minutes in the Office, did he not expect that Government would enable me to make his Salary equal to what Mr. Mollan insisted on. Every Attorney in the Hall, and every Suitor of the Court, claims it as a matter of right to search the Records and Books of my Office, to demand Copies of Accounts, Certificates, &c. &c. &c. for his amusement, without paying a farthing for the trouble he gives, be it ever so great; and as their resentment is often excited, by my refusal to draw Drafts on the Bank on defective Documents, they not unfrequently avenge themselves by annoyances of this kind.

(6.)—My Clerk is the person specially intrusted with the care of the Records of my Office; but the Orders for drawing out Money, and transferring Stock, and the Draft Books, I keep in my own custody.

I have the honour, &c. &c.

John O'Neill,
Accountant General of the Court of Exchequer.

March 22, 1811.

60. CLERK OF THE REPORTS.

The RETURN of Joseph Macartney, CLERK OF THE REPORTS of His Majesty's Court of Exchequer in Ireland, to the general QUERIES directed by the Right Honourable the Commissioners on the Public Records.

60. Clerk of the Reports, Exchequer.

(1. & 2.)—THE only sort of Public Records, Rolls, or Instruments in my custody, is a Certificate from the Accountant General of said Court of Exchequer, certifying, that, pursuant to an Order of said Court, he has drawn on the Governor and Company of the Bank of Ireland, in favour of the Persons to whom the said Order directs the money to be paid; upon which Certificate the draft of the Accountant General is countersigned by me; and the money directed by said Order to be paid, is paid to the Person to whom it is payable, in the same manner as drafts of the Accountant General of the Court of Chancery are paid, on being countersigned by the Register of that Court; and the Certificates, from the Accountant General to me, are filed in my own house, there not being any Office allotted to the Clerk of the Reports. A copy of one of the Certificates I take the liberty of annexing hereto.

(3.)—The said Certificates, from the time of my appointment, are all in my possession, but are not arranged in any particular manner.

(4.)—From the foregoing Answers, it will appear to the Right Honourable the Commissioners, that there are not any Catalogues, Calendars, Schedules, or Repertories, in my department.

(5. 6. & 7.)—There are not any Officers or Clerks employed in my Office; the Salary annexed to my Office being but 125*l.* per annum, which, with deductions at the Treasury, is reduced to about 115*l.* per annum. This makes it necessary that the entire business should be done by myself, the Salary not being sufficient to afford the appointment of a Clerk; never having received any Fee or other Emolument from said Office, save the said sum of 115*l.* which is paid at the Treasury; and which it is conceived is but a small compensation, the Duties of said Office requiring the constant residence of the Clerk of the Reports in Dublin.

Joseph Macartney,
67, Marlborough-street.

Copy of Certificate.

1809 ——— a ———

" I hereby certify, pursuant to an Order dated
" that I have this day, by note under my hand written on
" Cheque paper No. drawn on the Governor and Company of the Bank of
" Ireland, in the Cause of ——— a ——— for the sum of St^g, which
" I have made payable to according to the Directions of
" said Order.

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To Joseph Macartney, Esqre

Accountant General of the Court of Exchequer.

61. USHERS.

SIR, 30th October 1810.

WE have the honour of acknowledging the receipt of your Letter and Queries. In reply we beg leave to acquaint you, for the information of the Right Honourable the Commissioners on the Public Records in Ireland, that we have not the custody of any Record whatsoever, nor does the care of any such belong to our Office.

We have the honour to be, &c.

Charles Vernon, *Charles Fleetwood*,
Ushers of the Court of Exchequer in Ireland.

To Wm Shaw Mason, Esq. &c.

(4.) *Of Pleas or Law Side.*

62. CLERK OF THE PLEAS.

Return of John Pollock, Esquire, Deputy Clerk of the Pleas of His Majesty's Court of Exchequer, to certain Queries directed by the Commissioners on the Public Records in Ireland.

(1.)—THE Public Records, Rolls, and Manuscript Books in my custody, consist of the following; viz. Judgments by Cognovit Actionem; Judgments by Nil dicit, together with all Judgments in Actions on the Case; viz. Judgments on Postea and Inquisition; Judgments in Ejectment; Judgments on Scire Facias. These are the various descriptions of Judgments obtained and made up in this Court, and are enrolled and bound together in Rolls of Parchment, one or more for each Term; and each Roll specifically indorsed, according to the nature of its Contents. Alphabeted Books referring to these Rolls; the Memorials of the Assignments of Judgments; the Warrants to acknowledge the Satisfaction of Judgments; the Books of the various Rules, Orders, Judgments, and Proceedings of the Court; the Certificates of the amount of Plaintiff's debt, signed by Plaintiff's Attorney, in all Cases where Execution issues.

All the foregoing Rolls and Books are continued down to the present time, with the exception of a few chasms at different intervals, viz. in Trinity Term 1689, the Rolls, from No. 12 to No. 16, both inclusive; the entire Roll of Judgments of Michaelmas 1710; the Rolls, from No. 1. to No. 2. (both inclusive) of Michaelmas 1712; and in Trinity Term 1736, the Rolls from No. 1. to No. 131. inclusive; are all wanting.

There are also filed in my Office, Declarations and other Pleadings in Causes pending before the Court; which Pleadings or Papers are considered as transitory, and are seldom referred to after the Causes have proceeded to issue or judgment. These Pleadings and Papers are in the custody of the several Officers employed in their respective departments, whose Duty is fully detailed in the Answer to the fifth Quere.

(2.)—The Buildings in which the above Records are lodged, are situate on the Inns Quay, adjoining the Four Courts, and are Public Property. The Buildings are new, and in good preservation; but they were, in my humble opinion, originally ill conceived, and radically defective, in the following essential requisites:—1st, In the spaces allotted for the actual performance of the public Duties of this Office, being insufficient for the purposes intended;—2dly, In the arrangement of the Windows, as they bear upon the Fire Places in the several Offices or Departments;—3dly, In the spaces allotted for the custody of the Records being utterly inadequate and insufficient, in point of room, for the objects intended; and 4thly, That the ingress and egress of the Public to and from the different Offices of this Department, are by a single passage, leading through the middle of two ranges of Offices, one on the right and the other on the left, in which are the Public Records, and in which also remain those Clerks employed in the execution of the ordinary business thereof during Office hours; so that it is impossible, from the want of sufficient room wherein to deposit the great body of accumulated and accumulating Records, to accommodate those Clerks with sufficient room for doing such business, whereby much danger and insecurity may arise, by the possibility of spoliation or fire.

The Apartments allotted to this Department of the Court of Exchequer are, for the reasons before mentioned, wholly insufficient to admit of the Records being arranged in the methodical, alphabetical, and chronological order, that the public service, security and convenience, require. For want of sufficient space for those purposes, the Records are, from necessity, placed in Presses along the public passage, and in rows behind each other; whereby they often become misplaced, and consequently occasion additional trouble and uncertainty in making Searches.

(3.)—A part of the Records mentioned in the Answer to the first Quere, namely, the Rolls of final Judgments and the Court Books referring thereto, as also the Rule Books, Books of Pleadings, Books of Attachment, and Books of Appearance, are in good preservation, and arranged in as good order as the confined situation in which they are placed will admit of.

(4.)—There are complete Repertories and particular Indexes to all the Books of Judgments, alphabeted in the name of the several Defendants, and distinguishing the names of the Parties, and the sum for which each Judgment was obtained; the description (if any such description there appeared on the Pleadings) of the Defendant, the day of entry of each Judgment, and references to the respective Rolls thereof. These Books are in good order from the year 1660 to the present time, and respectively contain

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perfect Indexes of their several Contents; and they, together with the other Books alluded to, are, in my judgment, fully sufficient for the public service. The chasms in the Records of this Office have arisen from the Records having been (previous to the removal of them in the year 1794 to the present Public Offices) kept not only in private but obscure houses; and therefore they were liable, as well to embezzlement and spoliation, as to destruction from neglect. In such cases or periods where any defects now appear, they are irremediable; because, being matter of Record, where the original Document has been spoliated or embezzled, or from neglect suffered to be decayed or destroyed, it cannot be replaced. No inconvenience, for the last thirty years, to my own personal knowledge, has arisen from any fatality occurring in the custody or arrangement of the Records of this Office; and that fact will probably suggest to the Commissioners the dangers that may arise to the Public by a more detailed Answer to the fourth Quere.

(5.)—There are employed, for the Custody and Arrangement of the Records, &c. the following Officers and Clerks:—John Pollock, Esquire, First Deputy Clerk of the Pleas; Joseph Farran, Second Deputy Clerk of the Pleas; William Haughton, Clerk of Attachments and Appearances; Launcellot Lewis, Clerk of the Alphabets and Memorials, of Assignments of Judgments, and Clerk of the Special Bails; John Carey and Henry Carey, Clerks of the Pleadings; Gerald Byrne, Clerk of the Rules; Richard Patten, Clerk of the Satisfaction of Judgments. For their several Duties, I beg leave to refer to the several statements thereof hereunto annexed.

There are also in the Office the under-named established Clerks; viz. William Mathers, Joseph Mathers, Charles H. Meares, and Henry Yeo. The Duty of these Gentlemen, together with Messrs. Carey and Patten, is to make out, for and on behalf of the Attornies of the Court who may think fit to retain and employ them for those purposes, the various judicial Writs which issue forth of the Court; also, the marking of Judgments, preparing Records of Nisi Prius for trial, Books for Judges on the various Law Arguments; and such other official business as such Attornies may direct them to transact. In fact, these Persons bear to the Attornies of this side of the Court of Exchequer, a relation nearly similar, in the respect alluded to, to that in which the Six Clerks of the Court of Chancery stand to the Solicitors of that Court; and these Persons and their Predecessors have, by the Custom and Practice of this Office, for time immemorial transacted such business. All the foregoing Persons served their apprenticeships in the Office, and are sworn Attornies; and their Duties, as before stated, are performed by them, and such Clerks as they find necessary to employ; and they are paid by the several Solicitors who employ them, according to established Rates of Charges, or adequately to the nature, labour and time, expended by them in such business, according to the circumstances attending it.

(6.)—Answered before.

(7.)—I do not know of any Matters not comprised in the preceding Questions, which are necessary or expedient to observe, for rendering the use of the said Records more convenient to the Public.

John Pollock.

The foregoing is, in my humble Judgment, so full an Answer to the several Queries, that I have not any thing to add, but my entire concurrence and approbation.

Joseph Farran.

63. CLERK OF THE RULES.

The ANSWER of Gerald Byrne, CLERK OF THE RULES, in the Pleas Office of His Majesty's Court of Exchequer, in Ireland, to the QUERIES directed by the Commissioners on Public Records.

63. Clerk of the Rules.

(1.)—THE Records (subordinately) in my custody, are Manuscript Books, called Rule Books; in these Books are contained the Orders made by said Court in the progress of Causes therein; there are not any chasms or deficiencies in these Books, from the year 1726 to the present time.

(2.)—Is fully answered in the Report of John Pollock, Esquire, Deputy Clerk of the Pleas; to which I beg leave to refer.

(3.)—In general these Books are in good preservation, some of the old Books would require new binding; they are arranged in regular yearly and termly order, and are easily referred to.

(4.)—Each of these Rule Books hath a particular Index of the Parties' names in each cause therein, arranged alphabetically in the Plaintiff's name, and referring to the number of the page wherein the Rule or Order is entered.

(5.)—The duties of the Office are so laborious during the Terms, and a great part of the Vacations, that my whole time is occupied in attending to them, whereby I am compelled to relinquish (though otherwise qualified) the general business of the Law Exchequer Office, for such of the practitioners of the Court as might think proper to employ me. There is a Clerk assisting and joined with me in the custody and arrangement of the said Rule Books; his name is Henry Yeo; his duty it is to assist in giving the Books for the inspection of Attornies and their known Clerks, and the Parties interested, who demand an inspection of them, and to assist in entering, alphabeting, and making out the Rules and Orders; he has no annual or other Salary, Allowance, or Emolument, from the Public in respect of such Custody and Services.

Hours

Hours of Attendance: In Term, from ten in the forenoon until four, and from seven in the afternoon until nine. In Vacation, Evening attendance is neither required nor necessary; daily attendance is given, between the hours of twelve and four. But at all times of the year, attendance is uniformly given at all reasonable, and often at most unreasonable times, when from previous intimation and urgent circumstances such attendance has been found necessary for the accommodation of the Public, or individual Suitors of the Court.

FEES and Emoluments: The Rule Books for the last two years, which consist of Eight Books, are open for inspection without Fee or Reward. The Fees received by me in virtue of this Office, are as follow: For every Search and Attendance more remote than two years and within five years, 1*s.*:—For the like, more remote than five and within ten years, 2*s.* 6*d.*:—For the like, still more remote, according to time and trouble:—For every Attendance in Court with any Record, 6*s.* 8*d.*:—Searching for and issuing each attested Copy of a Rule (exclusive of the Stamp Duties and Attestation,) 2*s.*:—But if the Order be long, as on debated Motions, 3*s.*:—Net Annual Amount of said Fees, upon an Average of the last three years, according to a computation, possibly not strictly correct, yet the best I am able to make, 416*l.* 8*s.*

(6.)—I hope I have fully answered in the Fifth.

(7.)—It would tend much, in my humble opinion, to the convenience of the Public, and of the Suitors, and also to the preservation of the Records themselves; that additional Apartments should be built and presses made therein, for the reception not only of the Records before mentioned, but of the progressively accumulating Records of this Office. It might be necessary that the Architect employed for that purpose, should act under the direction of the Chief Officer, as he best knows what the size, shape, height, and depth, of the presses ought to be, from his knowledge of the Records intended to be deposited. As the present Offices are lofty, perhaps Galleries might be made going round the Offices; this would probably be preferable to the present mode of using long ladders, a mode very injurious to the Records, (most of the Rolls being very weighty, and receiving great injury from removing them down a ladder,) and highly dangerous to the personal safety of those employed to produce them.

Gerald Byrne,
Clerk.

64. CLERK OF THE PLEADINGS.

The ANSWER of John Carey, FILACER AND CLERK OF THE PLEADINGS in the Pleas Office of His Majesty's Court of Exchequer, to certain QUERIES directed by the Commissioners on the Public Records of Ireland.

(1.)—THE Records that are in my custody, as Clerk of the Pleadings, consist of the Declarations, Demurrers, Replications, Rejoinders, and other the Pleadings of all kinds, in Actions in the Law side of the Exchequer (except Declarations and Pleas in Ejectment); all *Affidavits* filed in the Pleas Office (Affidavits to ground Writs of Capias Quominus and Affidavits of Service of Common Law Subpœnas, and of Capias ad Respondendum excepted, which are in the custody of the Clerk of the Appearances and Attachments.) I have the different files of Pleadings since the year 1780, with the exception of the following Files between 1780 and 1793; Michaelmas Term 1780, Michaelmas Term 1781, Easter Term 1781, Hilary Term 1782, Trinity Term 1782, Michaelmas Term 1782, Easter Term 1783, Michaelmas Term 1784, Trinity Term 1785, Hilary Term 1787, Trinity Term 1787, Hilary Term 1788, Easter Term 1788, Michaelmas Term 1789, Hilary Term 1790, Easter Term 1790, Michaelmas Term 1791, Easter Term 1792, and Easter Term 1793, which were many years ago partly destroyed in a House in Fishamble Street, where the Office was then kept, before its removal to its present situation; other of such Files were destroyed, after the removal of them to the present Buildings, by a sudden inundation of the River Liffey, into an apartment of the present Building, where, for want of presses or rooms to put them in they were obliged to be deposited; since which time presses have been erected in every vacant space of the Offices allotted to this side of the Court, and even in the common passage for want of other room, where they are now kept, as regularly as the space and accommodation allotted to this Office can permit; but the same, from the want of sufficient room, are by no means in a safe or proper situation. Previous to the period above-mentioned, I know of no other Pleadings, none having ever come to my custody or keeping, except odd Files of different years.

(2.)—Such Records are lodged in the Common Pleas Office of the Exchequer, which Building is Public property; its condition as to accommodation is deficient, in the want of a sufficient number of rooms and presses, wherein such Records could be lodged with safety and regularity.

(3.)—The Records above-mentioned, are in a state of good preservation. The Declarations are on Files, a separate File for each Term, and the Pleas on Files, one for each year, and are kept in presses regularly arranged according to the years and terms; the different Files of Affidavits are kept in the same order.

(4.)—There are Books in which the different Pleadings are regularly entered and numbered, according to their receipt in the Office, with proper Indexes to the same, and which Books are in regular order, since the year 1770, inclusive. I have some Books previous to that period, but not in any regular order; the Affidavits are numbered

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numbered and put upon different Files, according as they are received in the Office. There are separate Files for each term, and each year is tied up together. I know not where such Books or Files are, previous to the period above alluded to (nor can the want of such Files or Books be attended with any inconvenience or injury to the Public, as pleadings after six or seven years are never resorted to, nor was there a pleading wanted for 23 years back, that was not immediately found;) wherever they may be, they are Public property.

My Son is joined with me in the Office. The care and custody of all the foregoing Books, Pleadings, and Affidavits, remain with him and me. We have an Apprentice, and employ three, or sometimes four or more Clerks, to assist us in expediting the public business; which Clerks are paid by us, and receive no Fee or Emolument from the Public whatsoever. The attendance is every day in the year (Sundays excepted.) The hours of attendance, in Term-time, are from Ten o'clock in the Morning until Four, and from Seven o'clock in the Evening until Nine; but during the Vacation, evening attendance is dispensed with.

The Fees, demandable and received by us from the Public in our Office, on the under-mentioned business, are as follow:—For every Sheet, Pleading, or Affidavit, containing 72 words, 2*d.*:—For every Certificate, 1*s.* 6*d.*:—For every Attendance and Search for an Affidavit, within four years, 1*s.*:—If above four years, 2*s.* 6*d.*:—For every Attendance with a Record in Court, 6*s.* 8*d.*:—For every Search for a Pleading, after three years, 2*s.* 6*d.*:—There is no Fee charged for any Search for a Pleading within that period.—Not having kept any Account of the annual Amount of the foregoing Fees received by me or my Son, (except an Account of the Copies of Pleadings,) I am not able to give an average Amount of the total yearly Emoluments of my Office, for such Fees for the last three years, but believe they may amount to about 500*l.* Independent of the Emoluments arising from the business above-mentioned, we have certain Fees and Allowances paid to us by such of the Attornies as we may be employed by, for the purpose of transacting their official business, and making out the various judicial Writs, marking Judgments, preparing Records for Trial, and enrolling the issue of such Records, enrolling Records in Demurrer, and Bills of Exception, and making out Books for the Barons for the argument of same, and such other official business as has been the use and custom of the Court and Office to have transacted by such Officers, from time immemorial; but as these Emoluments do not relate, either to the custody or arrangement of the Records, they are not included in the foregoing Statement.

(6.)—Myself and my Son are the only persons intrusted with the care and custody of said Records, whose duty it is to attend upon every Search, and to take care that each Record is restored to its proper place.

(7.)—The name of our Office is Filacer and Clerk of the Pleadings. I know of no other Matter which it is necessary to observe, for rendering the use of such Records more convenient to the Public.

I have the honour to be, Sir, &c.

Wm Shaw Mason, Esq. &c. &c. *John Carey.*

65. CLERK OF THE ALPHABETS.

The ANSWERS of Lancellot Lewis, CLERK OF THE ALPHABETS in the Pleas Side of the Court of Exchequer, to the QUERIES directed by the Commissioners on the Public Records in Ireland.

65. Clerk of the Alphabets.

(1.)—THE making out in alphabetical order in the Defendants' names the Judgment Books, containing all Judgments obtained by Cognovit, and in Actions on the Case, the Memorials of Assignments of Judgments, Books of Bails at Bar, and the Petitions of Insolvent Debtors. The Enrolment of the Memorials commenced in the year 1736, and was discontinued in 1766: I have no knowledge of the reason or cause of such discontinuance.

(2.)—Answered by John Pollock, Esq. Officer; to which I beg leave to refer.

(3.)—The Memorials of Assignments of Judgments are made up in annual order, and placed in presses, which are ranged in the centre passage of the Offices; a situation very insecure and unfit for their preservation, and not sufficiently spacious to contain the progressive Files.

(4.)—There are regular Entries of such Records, with proper references to them from the Judgment Rolls. The Enrolment of the Memorials, mentioned in my Answer to the first Quere, I apprehend may be completely brought up by four Clerks, in about three years.

(5.)—There is not any Salary in my Department chargeable on Public Money. The Fee on a Search is 2*s.* 6*d.*, and for a Copy of a Memorial of Assignment of a Judgment, 1*s.* 6*d.*; there is no Attendance therewith. I have an Assistant Clerk; hours of attendance from Ten to Four in the forenoon, and from Seven to Nine in the evening. Not having kept any Account of the annual Amount of the Fees in my Department, I am not enabled to give an average rate of the yearly Emoluments of my Office for the last three years, but believe it may amount to about 80*l.*

(6.)—The several Records in my Department are in my own care, and kept in their proper places.

(7.)—I do not know of any matters not comprised in the several Questions necessary or expedient for me to observe.

Lancet Lewis.

66. CLERK AND SIGNER OF THE WRITS, &c.

The ANSWER of William Houghton, Gentleman, CLERK AND SIGNER OF THE WRITS, and CLERK OF THE ATTACHMENTS AND APPEARANCES, in the Pleas Side of His Majesty's Court of Exchequer, to the QUERIES directed by the Commissioners on Public Records in Ireland.

(1.)—The Records that are in my custody (as Clerk of the Attachments and Appearances) consist of the following Manuscript Books and Papers; viz.—The Books of the Entry of Attachments for want of appearance; which Books are regular and in good order, from the year 1780 to the present time, and have regular Indexes, referring to the different Entries of the Proceedings contained therein respectively. Previous to the year 1780, I find but one of the above Books, containing the Entries of the Attachments for the following Terms; viz. Easter, Trinity, and Michaelmas 1778. The Books of the Entry of all Appearances, filed in the said Office, from the year 1780 to the present time; which are in good order, and have regular Indexes, in the manner before-mentioned. The Books, in which are entered all the Common Law Subpœnas, Writs of Capias Quo minus, and Capias ad Respondendum, issuing out of the said Court. These Books are in regular order, from the year 1789 to the present time: there is no Index or Catalogue to them, the Public not being permitted to inspect any of the Entries contained in the said Books, until the Return of the respective Writs have expired, nor until they are placed in their proper Repositories; they are seldom or never referred to. The Books, containing the Entries of the Parties' names, in the different Affidavits to ground Writs of Capias Quo; which Affidavits are filed under the Act of the 43d of the King, chap. 53.; these Affidavits are all regularly filed, numbered, and a corresponding number referring to them, entered in the above Books; which Books and Affidavits are in regular and perfect order, from the passing of the said Act to the present time. The different Files of Affidavits of Common Law Subpœnas, on which the foregoing Attachments are entered, are regular, from the year 1768 to the present time, except that the different Files for the years 1778, 1785, 1786, 1787, 1788, 1789, and 1790, and also three Terms of those Affidavits, for the year 1791, viz. Hilary, Trinity, and Michaelmas, are wanting.

The different Files of Appearances are regular, from the year 1793 to the present time, with the exception of the following Years and Terms; viz. Trinity and Michaelmas Terms 1792, and the years 1793 and 1794. All the Appearances are entered in the foregoing Books of Appearance, and the original Files are seldom or never referred to; the Entry of them in the Books (which are regularly indexed) being sufficient to answer all the purposes the Public may require. None of the above-mentioned chasms have occurred since my appointment to the said Office; and for the causes thereof, I beg leave to refer to the Answer of John Pollock, Esquire, to the 4th Quere.

Since the passing of the Act of the 43d year of His present Majesty, chap. 53. there are filed in my Office the different Affidavits of the service of Capias ad Respondendum, to ground Parliamentary Appearances. These are in regular order, from that period to the present time; there is no Index or Catalogue to them; but they are filed in regular order, corresponding with the day of the Appearance, which is entered in the Appearance Book, which serves as a reference to the Affidavit, and which has hitherto been found sufficient for any reference that has been had to them.

There are also filed in my Office, under the Act of the 46th of the King, chap. 64. the Warrants of Attorney received on issuing the Writs of Capias ad Respondendum before-mentioned, and on the Entry of each Appearance in the said Office; they are all in regular order, from that period to the present time, but there is no Index or Catalogue to them, they being scarcely ever referred to; no instance of the kind having come to my knowledge, since the period of passing the said last-mentioned Act.

(2.)—All the foregoing Records are lodged in the Common-Pleas Office of the Court of Exchequer, situate on the Inns Quay; this building is public property, and its condition, as to accommodation and security, is fully detailed in the Answer of John Pollock, Esquire, to the Second Quere.

(3.)—The Records above-mentioned are in a state of good preservation. The Books of Attachment and Appearance, as also the Writ Books, and Books of Entry of Affidavits to ground Writs of Capias Quo, are kept in presses regularly arranged; the different Files of Affidavits, Appearances, and Warrants, are kept in the same order.

(4.)—Answered before, with respect to the Catalogues and Indexes. I do not know where any such Books or Files, that are deficient, for periods previous to those above stated, are; nor has the want of such Books or Files been attended with any inconvenience or injury to the Public.

(5.)—The person employed by me, in the custody and arrangement of the said Records, is Mr. Henry Yeo; his duty is to assist me in the receiving and filing all Affidavits of the service of Capias Respondendum, and Affidavits of the service of Subpœnas; to enter in the Books for that purpose, all Attachments grounded on said last-mentioned Affidavits; to receive, file, and enter in the proper Book, all Appearances; and to receive and file all Warrants of Attorney, lodged in the said Office respectively. The hours of attendance are from Eleven o'clock in the Forenoon to Four o'clock in the Evening, and from Seven to Nine o'clock at Night during the Terms; but in the Vacation, Evening attendance is dispensed with. There is no Salary paid to

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him by the Public. The Fees and Allowances, payable in respect of such custody, &c. are as follow; viz.—For every Search for any Book, File of Affidavits, Appearance, or Warrant of Attorney, provided the same shall extend beyond the current term, and within the period of Ten Years, 2*s.* 8½*d.*:—If beyond Ten Years, and not exceeding Twenty Years, 5*s.* 5*d.*:—Exceeding Twenty Years, in proportion to the trouble and labour attending such Search:—For the Copies of such Affidavits, for each and every sheet containing 72 words, by the sheet, 2*d.*:—For every Attendance in Court, with any of said Records respectively, 6*s.* 8*d.* No Account of the before-mentioned Fees having been kept, I am therefore not enabled to state the precise amount thereof, but suppose they might average annually to the sum of 40*s.*

(6.)—Answered before.

(7.)—I do not know of any matters, not comprised in the preceding Questions, which are necessary or expedient to be observed upon, for rendering the use of the said Records more convenient to the Public.

William Houghton.

67. CLERK OF THE SATISFACTIONS.

The ANSWER of Richard Patten, CLERK OF THE SATISFACTIONS entered on the Judgments of the Pleas Side of His Majesty's Court of Exchequer in Ireland, referred to in the RETURN of John Pollock, Esquire, Deputy Clerk of the Pleas of said Court.

67. Clerk of the Satisfactions.

(1.)—THE Public Records, that are in my custody, consist of the Judgment Rolls, together with the Books referring thereto. These Judgment Rolls and Books commence in the year 1660, and are continued down to the present time. There are a few chasms in the series of these Records; the causes thereof, and the periods of time when the same happened, are detailed in the Answer of John Pollock, Esquire, to which I beg leave to refer. There are also in my custody, the Warrants of Attorney to acknowledge Satisfaction of such Judgments as the same relate to, from the year 1761, and are continued down to the present time, without any chasm or deficiency.

(2.)—Fully answered by John Pollock, Esquire.

(3.)—The state of the first-mentioned Records; namely, the Judgment Rolls and the Books referring thereto, are also answered as above. And in respect to the Warrants to acknowledge Satisfaction, they are in a good state of preservation, and are arranged in presses, in regular order. These Warrants are filed according to their respective dates, and are tied up in bundles, one bundle for each year, and are indorsed accordingly.

(4.)—There is no Index or Catalogue to the Satisfactions, nor does it appear to me that any is necessary, as they are very seldom referred to; but if required, reference to them can readily be had by turning to the Roll of the Judgment at the foot of which the Satisfaction is entered, and which entry points out the particular time the Warrant was filed.

(5.)—I have an Apprentice, and also employ several Clerks, but entirely at my own expense, to assist me in the arrangement of the several Records in my Office, and also in the discharge of the several duties thereof, namely, to make such Searches as may be required; and to make copies of Judgments and of Affidavits, or such other copies as may be required. There is no Salary paid by the Public. The attendance in my Office (which is daily) is in Term time from ten o'clock in the morning to four o'clock in the afternoon, or later, if business requires, and from seven o'clock in the evening to nine o'clock at night; but in Vacation, evening attendance is dispensed with.

The Allowances and Emoluments paid by the Public, and received by me, in the business mentioned, are as follow: For every Search for Judgments, not exceeding twenty years, 2*s.* 8*d.*:—If exceeding twenty years, 5*s.* 5*d.*:—And if the Abstracts are very numerous, the charge is made in proportion to the trouble. For entering Satisfaction and preparing Certificate, 5*s.* 5*d.*:—For the Copy of a Judgment by Cognovit, 1*s.* 7*d.*:—For all other copies per Sheet of 72 words, 2*d.*:—For every attendance with Record in Court, 6*s.* 8*d.*

Not having kept any Account of the annual Amount of the foregoing Fees, I am not enabled (with accuracy) to state the exact amount of the Average thereof for the three last years, but believe the Average of such Fees may amount to 250*l.* yearly, independent of the Emoluments arising from the business above mentioned. I have certain usual Fees paid to me by such of the Attornies as I may be employed by, for the purpose of transacting their official business, and making out the various Judicial Writs, marking Judgments, preparing Records for Trial, and enrolling the Issue of such Records, enrolling Records in Demurrer and Bills of Exception, and making out Books for the Barons for the argument of same, and such other official business as has been the custom and practice of the Court and Office to have transacted by such Officers from time immemorial; but as these emoluments do not relate, either to the custody or arrangement of the Records, they are not included in the foregoing Statement.

(6.)—I am the Person acting under the first Deputy, specially intrusted with the care of the said Records, and my duty is to attend upon every Search; but the custom has been, that every Officer and established Clerk in the Office have had, and still have, the privilege of referring to the aforesaid Books and Rolls. It is therefore as well the duty of such Officers and Clerks, as it is my own, to take care that the said Records be fairly and safely restored to their proper place.

Richd Patten.

68. EXAMINERS.

The DUTIES and RETURNS of the Examiners on this side of the Court, are similar to those of the King's Bench.

68. Examiners.

69. PURSUIVANT.

To the Right Honourable the Commissioners of the Public Records in Ireland.

The RETURN of Robert O'Hara, Esquire, PURSUIVANT of His Majesty's Court of Exchequer, in Ireland; and of Daniel Beere, DEPUTY PURSUIVANT of said Court; pursuant to the Requisition of said Commissioners, dated the 18th September 1810.

69. Pursuivant.

(1.)—THERE are not any Public Records, Rolls, Instruments, or Manuscript Books, or Papers, in the custody of the said Robert O'Hara, or his Deputy; the business of said Office being quite of a temporary nature, and chiefly, or almost entirely, consisting of the Execution of Attachments issued by said Court to inforce obedience to its process; and all said Attachments being returnable into the said Court, they are generally so returned and filed in the different Offices from whence they have so issued: some however remain, and are tied up in yearly bundles, and placed or arranged in a press.

(2.)—There is not any Office assigned to said Pursuivant, but the business of said Office is transacted in that part of the Building on the Inns Quay assigned to the Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer's Office.

(3.)—Answered in the first.

(4.)—A Book is kept in which an Entry of all such Attachments as come into said Office, is made; but this is not considered a Public Registry or Catalogue, nor is it allowed to be inspected or resorted to. Under the circumstances of this Office, it is conceived to be unnecessary to give any further Answer to this Question.

(5.)—The said Daniel Beere, with the assistance of his two Clerks, are the only Persons employed in the said Office. Their attendance is from ten o'clock in the Morning until four in the Afternoon; and from six, or half past, until nine at Night in Term time. The before-mentioned Book, and all other Entries of the business of this Office, are conceived to be private property, no Book or other Matter whatsoever being handed over by the former Pursuivant of said Court; nor was any thing of the kind necessary or ever called for by the Public. There being no Records in said Office, there is not any Table of Fees, nor any particular Fees demanded for Searches, Certificates, or Copies of Records. If any old Attachment should be necessary to be looked for, a small voluntary gratuity only is given to the Clerk.

(6.)—The said Daniel Beere is the only Person intrusted with the care and arrangement of said Office, whose duty it would be to attend any Search, or to take care of any Record, if such was in the Office.

(7.)—Nothing occurs as necessary to observe in answer to this Quere, except that it would be of considerable convenience to this Officer and to the Public, if an Office was assigned to him contiguous to the Court of Exchequer, where his attendance is requisite during the sittings of the said Court.

Robert O'Hara, Pursuivant.
Daniel Beere, Deputy Pursuivant.

70. SERJEANT AT ARMS.

70. Serjeant at Arms.

SIR, Law Exchequer Office, 22 January 1811.

IN obedience to your Letter, requiring Answers to certain Queries therein contained, respecting the Public Records, &c. in the custody of the Deputy Serjeant at Arms of the Court of Exchequer; in answer thereto, I beg leave to state, that there are no Public Records of any description whatever belonging to the said Office of Deputy Serjeant at Arms.

I have the honour to be, Sir, &c.

Wm Shaw Mason, Esquire, &c. &c. &c.

Henry Yeo, Dep. Serjeant at Arms.

71. KEEPER OF THE SEALS.

71. Keeper of the Seals.

SIR, Kildare-street, 1st October 1811.

IN reply to your Letter, relative to the Queries directed by the Commissioners of Public Records in Ireland, I have the honour to report;—That in the Seal Office of the Exchequer,—

(1.)—A Manuscript Account Book is kept by the Deputy Seal Keeper. There are fourteen of these Books in the Office, commencing April 1787, and ending 1st September 1810. There are no Books or Records previous to that time.

(2.)—The Books are kept in the Public Office, King's Inns Quay, Dublin.

(3.)—They are in good preservation, arranged by numbers.

(4.)—The entries are made therein, according to the day of the month and year. An Index is not necessary.

(5.)—One Clerk is employed in the Office, to seal all Writs issued by the respective Officers of the Court of Exchequer; attendance every day in the year (Sundays and a few Holydays excepted) from ten in the morning till four in the afternoon each day. The attending Clerk has about 80*l.* a year, the Deputy Seal Keeper nothing, and the Principal has about 1,000*l.* per annum.

I have the honour to be, &c.

Wm Shaw Mason, Esquire.

Thomas Kemmis.

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72. MARSHAL OF THE FOUR COURTS.

SIR, Four Courts Marshalsea, September 14th, 1811.

IN compliance with your Letter, of the 18th September last, conveying certain QUERIES, directed by the Right Honourable His Majesty's Commissioners on the Public Records of Ireland, I beg leave to state, for their information, that, as Marshal of the Four Courts Marshalsea, I have not any Records, Rolls, Instruments, Books or Papers, in my custody; nor do I know of any connected or belonging to this Department; save a File of Detainers, and a Book or Enrolment of the Debtors, which I keep for my own private information.

I have the honour to be, Sir, &c.

William Ormsby.

To Wm Shaw Mason, Esquire,
&c. &c. &c.

(5.) *Court of Appeals.*

73. SECRETARY AND REGISTER.

The several ANSWERS of Henry Dwyer, Esquire, REGISTER OF THE COURT OF APPEALS, to the several QUERIES, as required by the Right Honourable the Commissioners on Public Records in Ireland.

73. Secretary and Register.

(1.)—THE several sorts of Public Records, Rolls, Instruments, and Manuscript Books and Papers in my custody, as Register of the Court of Appeals and Keeper of such Records, are Petitions of Suitors appealing from the Judgment of the Commissioners and Sub-Commissioners in Revenue and Excise Causes, requiring Injunctions to stop the effect of such Judgments, until the Causes should be heard, and Judgments given by the Commissioners of Appeals. Petitions of like nature have not been regularly kept before my appointment; nor were same, on my appointment, handed over to me. The Petitions are kept in bundles, according to their dates. All Petitions, from the 16th day of July 1807 (the time when I was appointed Register), until the present time, I have in my custody. The Petitions which were presented, from the year 1749 to the year 1807, I have not; but I do not conceive that the want of such Petitions can be any material loss to the Public, as Entries are made in Books kept for that purpose, of all Injunctions which were issued in consequence of such Petitions; which Books (commencing the 26th February 1761, and continued to the present time) are in my custody, and are kept in a Press under lock and key, in the Court of Appeals. Four Books, containing the Rules respectively entered in every Cause heard in said Court on such Petitions and Injunctions, commencing in Easter Term 1749, and ending last Trinity Term; which Books are also kept in said Press in said Court of Appeals. Copies of the Proceedings had before the Commissioners and Sub-Commissioners are transmitted by the Examiner of Information Books, or by the several Collectors (as the case may be,) to the Register of the Court of Appeals; which Copies being transmitted to the Register as aforesaid, are by him kept in alphabetical order, in a Press in said Court. Affidavits made by the Parties Appellants and Respondents in said Court, or those concerned for them, are in Bundles and on Files prepared for that purpose, and kept in a Press in said Court. Decrees pronounced by the Commissioners of Appeals, which are entered in Books kept for that purpose, and signed by the respective Commissioners before whom such Causes were heard: The first Book containing such Decrees, commences the 26th of February 1761, and ends the 21st of February 1772;—the second commences the 6th of March 1772, and ends the 28th May 1784 (but the Decrees in the second Book have not been signed by the Commissioners, as they have been in the first Book);—the third commences the 19th of June 1784, and ends the 11th of June 1801;—the fourth commences the 12th of June 1801, and ends Michaelmas Term 1809;—and the fifth commences in Hilary Term 1810, and is continued to the present time. The first Book, containing the Rules entered on Proceedings in said Court, commences in Easter Term 1749; and the first Book, containing the Decrees of said Court, commences the 26th of February 1761; so that the Decrees of said Court are wanting from Easter Term 1749 to Hilary Term 1761, and from the 6th of March 1772 to the 28th May 1784; the Book for which period contains Entries of Decrees only, which Entries have not been signed by the then Commissioners. The foregoing Petitions, Entries of Injunctions, Rule Books, Transmisses or Copies of Proceedings had before the Commissioners and Sub-Commissioners in Revenue Causes, with the Documents made use of before them; Affidavits, and Books containing the Decrees of the Commissioners of Appeals; are the only Public Records, Rolls, Instruments, manuscript Books or Papers, that now are or ever were in my custody as Keeper of same; no other having been handed to me by Henry Coddington, Esquire, the late Register: nor can I account for any chasm or deficiency in the series of such Records, save as is hereinbefore stated.

(2.)—The said Books and Papers relating to the Court of Appeals, are lodged in the Room in which said Court sits, at the Four Courts, Dublin, which is in good condition as to security; but for accommodation, and for the purpose of keeping the Books and Papers in a more distinct and better manner, it would be necessary to have a separate Office, and two Alphabets, similar to the one at present in said Court; which Court is part of a public Building, and not private property.

(3.)—The

(3.)—The Records, which are the Decrees of said Court (as handed over to me by the late Register), are in good condition, and are contained in five Books; the first containing Decrees (with Injunctions in the same Book) commencing the 26th of February 1761, and ending the 21st of February 1772; the second commencing the 6th of March 1772, and ending the 28th of May 1784; but which last Decrees have not been signed by the then Commissioners; the third commencing the 19th of June 1784, and ending the 11th of June 1801; the fourth commencing the 12th of June 1801, and ending Michaelmas Term 1809; and the fifth from Michaelmas Term 1809 to the present time.

(4.)—There are no Indexes to any of the Rule Books, or Books containing the Entries of Injunctions issued; nor are there Indexes to the first or second Books containing the Decrees and Entries of Decrees made by said Court; but by having Indexes to said Books, it would enable any Person who might require to know the Proceedings had in any Cause to refer to same, and would very materially facilitate such Search, and make it perfectly easy to Persons making the same, which is now attended with difficulty and loss of time: such Indexes would therefore be of general use, but could not be completed by the ordinary diligence of the Persons usually employed in my Office, and therefore extraordinary assistance would be necessary, and which could not be completed by one Person in less time than twelve months. But I am not able to state whether such Catalogues or Indexes, or other Books, as are wanting in my Office, are in the possession of any other Person; but if they are, they are public and not private property.

(5.)—I am the only Officer employed by the Commissioners of Appeals for the custody and arrangement of the Records, &c. in my Office; and two Clerks are employed by me, (one to assist me in attendance in the Court of Appeals each day during the Sitting of said Court, to issue Injunctions and Decrees; and the other Clerk is employed to make Copies of the Transmisses in each Cause for the Parties applying for same,) who respectively attend my Office from ten till four each day, and from seven until nine in the evening; and whose Salaries are respectively paid by me. The Fees payable to me are the same as were payable to the late and all former Registers, and are paid by the Suitors in said Court, and are as follow;—1 *l.* 10 *s.* on issuing an Injunction; 13 *s.* 4 *d.* for entering and Copy of each Rule; 6 *s.* 8 *d.* for filing an Affidavit, and 1 *s.* 8 *d.* for swearing same; 9 *d.* per sheet for Copies of Transmisses; and 1 *l.* 18 *s.* 9 *d.* for each Decree: The net Average of which Fees, for the last three years, amounts to about 960 *l.* yearly.

(6.)—I am the only Person specially intrusted with the care of said Records, &c. and whose duty it is to attend on every Search, and to take care that every Record, &c. be duly and fairly restored to its proper place; and the name of my Office is, Register to the Commissioners of the Court of Appeals; and to enable me to fulfil the duties of which, I am under the necessity of employing two Assistants.

(7.)—I know of no Matters not comprised in the said Queries, which I think necessary or expedient to observe, for rendering the use of said Records, &c. more convenient to the Public.

Henry Dwyer,
Register of Court of Appeals.

26th October 1810.

5. EXCHEQUER CHAMBER.

74. CLERK OF THE ERRORS.

SIR,

I HAVE been favoured with your Letter of the 18th of September last, addressed to me as Clerk of the Errors of the Court of Exchequer Chamber; in reply to which I am to state, that the only sort of Public Record, Roll, Instrument, or Manuscript Book or Paper, which comes to my hand or care in that capacity, is, the Transcript of every Record removed by Writ of Error from the Courts of King's Bench, Common Pleas, or Exchequer, into the Exchequer Chamber, where the same afterwards remains in my care. And there are not any chasms, deficiencies, or losses of any of such Transcripts, since the said Court was established, at which time I was appointed Clerk of the Errors by the King's Patent. There being no Public Office allotted to me, the said Transcripts are kept by me in my private House, in Great George's-street, Rutland-square, where they remain in perfect Preservation; and are not so numerous as to require any arrangement in point of order, the whole being contained in one private Drawer in my Study.

I do not employ any Officer or Clerk for the custody or arrangement of the said Records or Transcripts. One confidential Clerk is intrusted with each Record whilst he makes out one Copy, from which the other Clerks make the other Copies of the said Records for the Judges. The Fees of the Clerks intrusted to make these Copies are 2 *d.* per office sheet, and 3 *s.* per Roll on the Enrolments of the Judgments. They have no particular hours of attendance; it being my duty to expedite every case that is transmitted to the Court.

My Fees, as Patentee, are as stated in the Schedule hereunto annexed, which are the same as charged in the former Court of Exchequer Chamber by my Predecessor; and the Average of those Fees, as received by me for the years 1808, 1809, and 1810, is 761 *l.* 5 *s.* 5 *d.* I cannot think of any other thing material for me to state in reply to your Inquiries.

I remain, Sir, &c.

James Galbraith,
Clerk of the Errors of the Exchequer Chamber.

To Wm Shaw Mason, Esquire,
&c. &c. &c.

A SCHEDULE

APPENDIX.

Exchequer Chamber.

74. Clerk of the Errors.

A SCHEDULE of FEES referred to in the foregoing Letter, as taken of right by the Patentee under his Patent as Clerk of the Errors of the Court of Exchequer Chamber:—

For every Copy of every Record in Books, for the Judges or other Persons, per office sheet 1 *s.* 6 *d.*:—For every Enrolment of every Judgment, per Roll 13 *s.* 4 *d.*:—For filing every Pleading, 8 *s.* 6 *d.*:—For attested Copies of Pleadings, 7 *s.*:—For every Rule, 4 *s.* 6 *d.*:—For every Order or Copy thereof, exemplified and attested, 4 *s.* 4 *d.*:—For every Continuance, 1 *s.* 6 *d.*:—For every Writ of Mandamus sent back with the Record to the Court from whence it came, 5 *s.*:—For every Search, 3 *s.* 4 *d.*

6. CIRCUITS OF IRELAND.

75. (1.)—JUDGES REGISTERS.

75. Judges' Registers.

THERE are Twelve Judges Registers, Eleven of whom have made their Returns, which are in substance as follow: The *Findings* of Juries on Trials by *Nisi Prius*, are lodged with them, and are their authority to make up the *Posteas*; which, when signed by the respective Judges, may or may not (at the will of the Party) become Records, by filing them in their proper Courts. Affidavits, to postpone Trials, are also lodged with them; but, being only of a temporary nature, are not considered as Records.

(2.)—CLERKS OF THE CROWN.

76. PROVINCE OF LEINSTER.

The ANSWER of the CLERK OF THE CROWN for the Province of Leinster, to the QUERIES transmitted to him by the Secretary to the Right Honourable the Commissioners on the Public Records in Ireland.

76. Province of Leinster.

(1.)—THE Records are as follow; viz. Indictments for Crimes and Offences committed in the several Counties, with the Informations in writing on which the same are grounded, as disposed of by the Grand Juries, at the respective Assizes holden in the several Counties within this Province: Books, containing Entries of all such Indictments, where the Parties accused were in custody, or under Bail to appear; in which Books are also entered, the Pleas of the Prisoners, Verdicts of the Jury, and Judgments of the Court: Books, containing the Presentments of the Grand Juries for raising Money, for making, widening, and repairing Roads, building and repairing Bridges, Gaols, Court-houses, and other public Works, made pursuant to the several Statutes in force in Ireland, for such purposes: Also, Books of Queries, formed on said several Presentments, the several Affidavits to ground said Presentments, and account for the Sums of Money presented: Rolls of Informations returned at the Assizes, in cases where the Party accused has not been in custody or bailed: Recognizances for the Appearance of persons under Bail: together with the Issues and Verdicts of the Petit Juries on persons tried. The said Records, for the several Counties in the Province of Leinster, begin at a period many years previous to the year 1794, from which year they are perfect to the present time; but to what precise period of time previous to said year, said Records may be found, I cannot state, without referring to the Records, which have always remained in each respective County.

I state the said Records to be in a perfect state from the said year; because on the 10th of May in said year, I succeeded to the said Office: I have however little doubt that, with the exception of the Queen's County, and County of the Town of Drogheda (and which is hereafter accounted for), the Records of my Office, throughout the Province, are complete, without any chasm or deficiency for the last half century; inasmuch as I have, without any difficulty, whenever it became necessary to have recourse to the antecedent Records, always found them without delay. The exception of the Queen's County is owing to this circumstance, which appears recorded on one of the Records of said County; namely, that by an accidental Fire, which broke out in Maryborough, between the Lent Assizes in the year 1782 and the Summer Assizes in the said year, all the Records previous to the said Lent Assizes 1782 were burned; and in Drogheda, the Records, up to the year 1793, were destroyed in the Tholsel of the Town, in the Rebellion of 1798.

(2.)—The Records throughout the Province (save Dublin and Drogheda) are kept in Offices in private houses, in the respective County Towns, rented and paid for by each County; with the exception of the County of Kildare, it being necessary in this County to transmit the Records, for a few years back, from and to Naas, to and from the Town of Athy, (the Assizes being alternately holden in each of these Towns;) and therefore, as to this County, the Records for a few years back, so to be removed, are deposited in an apartment in the Gaol. The Records for Drogheda, from the said year 1793 to the present time, are deposited in the house of the Deputy Clerk of the Crown for that Town, owing to the Grand Jury declining to present, to defray the expense of an Office in the County Town; and the Records for the Court of Commission of Oyer and

Terminer and Gaol Delivery for the County of Dublin, and for the County of the City of Dublin, are deposited in the New Sessions House, Green-street, Dublin, and are in a perfect state. The said last-mentioned Records, namely those for Dublin, previous to the year 1792, were deposited by the former Patentee, in the Office of the Clerk of the Crown for the Court of King's Bench, where they remain also in a state of perfect preservation.

(3.)—The Records are in perfect preservation, and arranged according to their respective Assizes; the Indictments and Informations, on Files, with an alphabetical Entry of the Names and Residences of the accused, the Offence shortly stated, and the Prosecutor's name.

(4.)—The Subscriber begs leave to state, that the Records are arranged as stated in his last Answer; that the Indexes are not defective; nor has the Subscriber, during a period of upwards of sixteen years, found any inconvenience in turning to the Records of his Office at any period, however distant; nor does he, at present, conceive any benefit likely to arise to the Public, from any further or other Indexes.

(5.)—The only Officers, permanently employed for the custody and arrangement of the said Records, are the Clerk of the Crown and his Deputy Clerks of the Crown; nor is there any Officer paid for their custody or arrangement by the Public. There are no specified hours of attendance in the Assizes Towns, except during the Assizes, when he, with his Clerks and Assistants, constantly attends: it being however necessary in the execution of his Office, and in the arrangement of certain branches of it, with the Judges in Dublin, after each Assizes, and in preparing for every succeeding Circuit, that the Records, for a short period antecedent, should be in Dublin, they are accordingly carried by him to his Office in Dublin; by which means the Public have an opportunity, at all times, of receiving whatever information may be sought. If occasion requires, the Officer attends in the County Town when called on. The Fees received for Searches, &c. are specified in the Act 49th of George the 3d. chap. 101. Sec. 1.; but the same being by no means considerable, no Account having been ever kept of them, I cannot return any Average thereof; such Fees are received by the Deputy, and probably do not amount to 40*s.* per annum.

I conceive the 6th Quere is replied to by the last Answer.

(7.)—I am not aware of any Matters necessary or expedient to be observed upon, for rendering the use of the Records herein specified more convenient to the Public.

John Pollock,
Clerk of the Crown for the Province of Leinster.

77. COUNTY OF CLARE.

To the Honourable the Commissioners on Public Records in Ireland.

The ANSWER of Isaac Bolton, PATENTEE CLERK OF THE CROWN for the County of Clare, to the QUERIES proposed by the Honourable the Commissioners aforesaid.

(1.)—THE Records in the Crown Office are, The Crown Books, Indictments, Informations, Bail Bonds, Affidavits returnable to Assizes, for a considerable time past; as also the Presentment and Quere Books; together with the Presentments and Accounting Affidavits, Appointment of the different Officers by the Grand Jury; which said several Books, &c. are arranged on Shelves and in Presses in annual succession, from the year 1800 to the present time. Prior to that period there is no regularity or order, but the Papers, &c. are all lying in a separate apartment in confusion, and in a large heap, yet secure. Some part of the said Records bear date as far back as the year 1719: if there are any deficiencies in the same, it cannot be ascertained, until such time as the Papers are regularly arranged.

(2.)—The Records are kept in an Office and other apartments, in the Town of Ennis, the private property of my Deputy. Its condition, as to security, is no other than that of Dwelling Houses in general; the remainder of said House is occupied by my Clerk or Deputy, who occasionally resides therein.

(3.)—See the Answer to the 1st Quere.

(4.)—There are no Catalogues or Indexes in my Office, save as mentioned in the First Answer; yet Catalogues, Indexes, or Repertories, would be of great utility to the Public, if the entire of the Papers were properly arranged. I beg leave to state one circumstance, in support of what I assert;—there is, at present, a man in our Gaol, who, at the last Assizes was to have been tried for some trivial Offence, until recognized to have been a person who committed murder, in or about the year 1788, for which he had been indicted; on account of the irregularity of the Papers, &c. the Indictment could not be found; and the man must, I believe, be prosecuted on a new Information.

(5.)—My Deputy attends particularly to the regulation of the Papers. There are, independent of him, two Clerks, who write continually in the Office; and for some considerable time, before and after each Assizes, there are two additional Clerks; none of whom are paid any Salary by the Public. The Fees demandable on every Search, Certificate, &c. are regulated by an Act of the last Session of Parliament, entitled, "An Act to regulate "the Fees to be paid to the Clerk of the Crown and other Officers, on Criminal Prosecutions in Ireland;" and

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and the said Fees on the Searches, Certificates, Copies of Informations, Crown Summonses, Capias's, filing Affidavits on Crown business, &c. have amounted, in the year, to the Sum of 200*l.* sterling; therefore, for the last Three Years, it must be 600*l.* sterling, independent of the Fees presented on the County for Criminals tried, indicted, and acquitted during that period. I attend the Office myself frequently; which Office is open from Ten until Four o'clock, and at any other hour requisite.

(6.)—The Deputy's duty is to attend upon every Search, and to take care that every Record be restored to its proper place, with the assistance of Two Clerks.

(7.)—The Records are extremely defective, as the want of them has been often the cause of very great inconvenience to the Clerk of the Crown, in the preparation of Indictments, as well as of great disappointment, in many instances, to the Public. A Map of the County would likewise be of very great utility to those concerned in the Office, as well as the Public in general.

John Bolton,
Clerk of the Crown, County of Clare.

78. COUNTY OF CORK.

ANSWERS of the CLERK OF THE CROWN of the County of Cork, to certain QUERIES, directed by the Commissioners on the Public Records in Ireland; referred to in a Letter from their Secretary, William Shaw Mason, Esq. dated the 18th of Sept. 1810.

78. County of Cork.

(1.)—AS Clerk of the Crown of the County of Cork, I have the custody of the following Records, &c.—Crown Books, from the year 1740 to the present time.—Capias Books (in which are alphabetical Entries of all Bills of Indictment found) from the year 1747 to the present time.—The Inquests, Informations, and Recognizances returned to the Office, from the year 1740 to the present time; with the several Bills of Indictment preferred thereon, whether true or ignored (on separate Files).—The Quere and Presentment Books and Rolls; and the Affidavits to obtain and account for Presentments, from the year 1740 to the present time.—Treasurer's Accounts, from 1771 to 1797.—Civil Bill Books of the Assizes, from 1760 to 1796.—There are also some old Records, of a date prior to the year 1740; but they are in so imperfect a state, from time and damp, and the manner in which they were formerly kept, that nothing like a series or connection can be traced in them. Since my entering upon my Office in the year 1794, I am not aware that there are any chasms or deficiencies in the Records; but those of the earlier periods, owing to their having been formerly kept on a ground floor in the Offices belonging to the Old Court House, considerably below the level of the street, were much injured by a sudden flood, which overflowed the greater part of the City of Cork, about twenty years since.

(2.)—There has not been any Building peculiarly appropriated to the lodgment of the Records: but on the erection of a new Court House and Offices, I applied one small room, on an upper floor, to the purpose. This room is very small and inconvenient, and not well adapted; but, being enclosed within the precincts of the Court House, where the Court Keeper resides, it is tolerably secure.

(3.)—The Records, from the year 1740 to the year 1769, are kept in large boxes, each containing Records of ten years; and from that period to the present time inclusive, the Records of each year are contained in a separate box, with the exception of the Books which are arranged in order on shelves; and the whole are in tolerably good preservation, with the foregoing exceptions.

(4.)—There are no Catalogues or Repertories, or any more particular Indexes, than as before stated, nor do I conceive any benefit they would be of to the public service. But should any such be deemed expedient, I have no doubt but the persons at present employed by me would be fully competent to form the same, without any further assistance, and in as short a time as possible; but in what time exactly, it would be impossible to form even a conjecture.

(5.)—There are no Officers or Clerks employed for the particular custody or arrangement of the Records in my Office, and paid by the Public; but being also Clerk of the Peace of the County of Cork, I employ, at my own expense, Two Deputies and Two Clerks, for the purpose of executing and assisting me in the general duties of my Offices; and amongst others, the custody, regulation, and arrangement of the Public Records. The Hours of Attendance for which purposes are, from Ten to Four o'clock each day (Sundays excepted), and frequently a longer attendance is necessary: To these I pay considerable Salaries; and they also receive such Fees for Searches, &c. as are appointed by the Act of the 49th of the present King; but the same being by no means considerable, and no account having been ever kept of them, I cannot return any Average thereof.

(6.)—There is no Person especially intrusted with the care of said Records, other than myself, and my Deputies and Clerks, to whom I commit the same, and who attend upon every Search, and take care that the Records be duly and fairly restored to the proper places.

(7.)—I am not aware of any other Matter not comprised in this Statement, necessary or material for rendering the use of the said Records more convenient to the Public.

James Chatterton,
Clerk of the Crown, County of Cork.

79. CITY OF CORK.

The ANSWER of the CLERK OF THE CROWN of the City of Cork, to the QUERIES transmitted from the Secretary to the Commissioners on the Public Records of Ireland.

(1.)—THE Public Records of this Office are as follow: The Informations on which Indictments have been prepared; those on which Indictments have been found, and those on which they have been ignored, are kept on distinct Files; all Affidavits relative to Crown business, kept on Files; Lists of Juries, and the several Findings, kept also on Files; an alphabetical Book of all Bills of Indictments found, called a Capias Book, with the Persons tried marked in it. The Crown Books containing Entries of the Proceedings at the Assizes, are also kept in this Office; also all Affidavits for obtaining Presentments at the Assizes, and all Affidavits accounting for the expenditure of Public Money, and the Rolls of Presentments made at the preceding Assizes, with a Quere Book, containing their Entry, and how disposed of. The foregoing relate to the time the present Clerk of the Crown has been in office, about twenty years; but without going through them all, it could not be particularly ascertained whether there be any chasms in the series or not, but it is rather supposed not. There are also Returns made under the late Militia Laws.

(2.)—These Records are, of necessity, from the want of room, kept in the same place with the Peace Office Records and Town Office Records; and the place is very bad in point of security or accommodation.

(3.)—The Records are in a very tolerable state of Preservation, but not arranged in so good order as they might be, for want of room; each separate File is made up, and indorsed with the Title of its Contents.

(4.)—There are not any general Catalogues, or Schedules, or any Index, but that to the Capias Book. It might be useful to have them completely arranged, because (if necessity should at any time require) they might be more readily resorted to; but it is very seldom indeed (scarcely ever) that a Search is required, for any time back.

(5.)—There is no Officer or Clerk particularly employed for the custody and arrangement of these Records, nor any Salary paid for any such Officer by the Public; the Clerk attending the Office, when required to make a Search or give a Copy of a Record, charges the Fee allowed for each by the Act of the 49th year of the King, chapter 101, and no more.

(6.)—There is no Person specially charged with the care of these Records; the Clerk in the Office makes the Search himself, and restores the File or Books to its former place.

(7.)—Nothing occurs to the Clerk of the Crown that is not stated in the Answer to the foregoing Queries, except, that if a proper place was procured, they might be more completely arranged.

I have the honour to be, Sir, &c.

To Wm Shaw Mason, Esquire, &c. &c. &c.

William Jones.

80. COUNTY OF KERRY.

ANSWERS of the CLERK OF THE CROWN for the County of Kerry, to the QUERIES directed by the Commissioners on the Public Records in Ireland.

(1.)—SAYS, That the several sorts of Public Records in his possession, as Patentee Clerk of the Crown for the County of Kerry, and Keeper of said Records, are, Coroners Inquests, Informations, Recognizances, Indictments; Crown Books of the criminal and other Trials at the several Assizes; Issues, with Verdicts of the Juries thereon; Affidavits in criminal cases; Indexes of Indictments; Robbery and Burning Petitions, Presentments grounded thereon; Recognizances on traversing Presentments; Affidavits to obtain Presentments for Roads, Bridges, and other Public Works, Presentments thereon; Accounts of the Expenditure of Public Money, and Affidavits verifying same; Queres on Presentments; Maps and Estimates of Bridges and new Roads, Contracts for keeping Roads in repair, the County Treasurer's Accounts, and Affidavits verifying same; Civil Bill Books; two Leases executed by the late Sir Barry Denny the elder, whereby he demised for Lives renewable for ever, to the then Grand Jury (in Trust for said County), the Ground whereon the County Court House and its Offices, and the County Gaol and its Offices, are built; an Abridgement of the Statutes, the Statutes at large to the commencement of the Union, and the Statutes received by him from thence to the last Session of Parliament; the County and Baronial Maps, the Mail Coach Road Maps, and Estimates. Says, that in the Index of Indictments a chasm or deficiency has occurred for some years back, for want of the alphabetical Books necessary to continue the same, but which Books having been lately procured by Presentment on the County, the said Index will be forthwith continued to the present time.

(2.)—Says, the said Records are deposited in shallow and inconvenient presses ranged against the damp wall of a room or apartment on the ground floor of said County Court House, with a narrow entrance, and lighted by one window only; in which room in separate presses the Records of the Peace Office are also deposited, the Clerk of the Crown being also Clerk of the Peace of said County; and notwithstanding that the Grand Juries present five guineas at each Assizes for fuel for said apartment, yet by reason of the situation thereof, and its contiguity to

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the Street, the said Records cannot be sufficiently preserved from damp. The said apartment is Public property, the same being as aforesaid an apartment of the County Court House; and so conscious were the Grand Jury of said County, of the inconvenience and insufficiency of said Office, and of the necessity of additions being made thereto, for the better preservation of said Records, and for the reception and accommodation of the Counsel and Officers of the Crown, on occasional private conferences with the Clerk of the Crown on subjects relating to the business of his Office, that they lately purchased a plot of Ground at the rear of said present Office, for such additional apartments for those purposes; which have not been yet erected, but for which it is intended to present at the next Assizes, the Plan and Estimates thereof having been lodged in the Secretary's Office.

(3.)—Says, all the Records lodged in the Crown Office are in a state of Preservation, except the File of Indictments of Spring Assize 1801, which received great damp, and is much injured thereby. All the Records of each Assize, and the other Records, are severally arranged by themselves in regular order, according to their different sorts, back to about the year one thousand six hundred and ninety-nine.

(4.)—Says there is an Index of Indictments in said Office, consisting of the names, places of abode, and crimes of Persons indicted; but which Index is not complete, in regard it has not been brought down to the present time, for want of the alphabetical Books mentioned in the Answer to the first Quere; but such Books having been lately procured by Presentment on the County, said Index will be forthwith completed, which will be of great public utility in the dispatch of the business of that department of said Office. Says, that not having any intercourse with any other Office but his own, he cannot specify whether any Catalogues, Schedules, or Indexes, are known to exist elsewhere, or the Person in whose hands they are, or whether they are public or private property.

(5.)—Says, that the Indictments being mostly for capital offences, he keeps them under his own lock and key: Keeps two Clerks in his Office, one of whom attends there every day constantly (Sundays excepted) from nine in the morning until four in the afternoon, and from six in the afternoon until nine of the same night, and who does the writing business of the Office at the Assizes: Their hours of attendance are not limited, being obliged to apply much closer according to the weight of business, when additional Clerks are called in as occasion requires, whom he pays. The Clerk of the Crown generally attends personally, and executes the duties of his Office, particularly in Court: He gives his Clerks no Salary, nor are they allowed any by the Public; but he allows the writing Clerk (who is one of them) Emoluments, consisting of the Fees for Searches, Clerk's Fees on attested Copies of the different Records, Fees on Certificates, Bench Warrants, Crown Summonses, &c. &c.; which Fees, with others ascertained by the Act of June one thousand eight hundred and nine, are so casual that it would be impossible to ascertain the annual amount thereof, and no Account to his knowledge has been ever kept of the same. The Clerk never attends with any of those Copies, &c. save when required by the Crown Solicitor, the other Persons requiring them always coming to the Office, and no Fee is demanded from the Crown Solicitor for the Clerk's attendance on him with any such Copies. The second Clerk he gives nothing to, he being his Apprentice, and living in his house.

(6.)—Says, the Clerk he makes mention of in his Answer to the fifth Quere, is intrusted with the care of all the Records in the Crown Office, except those composed of the Indictments for Capital Offences, which he, the Clerk of the Crown, keeps himself, under his own lock; and when a Search, or any other matter relating thereto, is required, he attends in person while the Clerk is making such Search; and he returns the Record to its proper place.

(7.)—Says, he knows no Matters not comprised in the preceding Questions, necessary to observe for rendering the use of the Records more convenient to the Public.

John Hurly,
Clerk of the Crown, County Kerry.

81. COUNTY AND CITY OF LIMERICK.

81. County & City of Limerick.

(1.)—THE Records deposited in the Clerk of the Crown's Office of the City of Limerick, consist of the Crown Book and Indictments, so far back as the year 1780; together with the Affidavits granted for making and repairing Roads, and other public purposes; as also accounting Affidavits of Monies expended, Quere and Presentment Books.

(2.)—The Records are lodged in an Office appointed for the Clerk of the Crown by the Corporation, in a Building called the Exchange, erected by the Corporation whose property it is, perfectly secured by Iron Bars and Lattice, and in good condition.

(3.)—The Records are in proper Preservation, arranged on Shelves in said Office, and filed on different Files.

(4.)—There are no Catalogues or Indexes, the business of said Office not being of such great extent as to require it; therefore no deficiencies or want of completion exist.

(5.)—The Clerk of the Crown attends the business belonging to his department, with the assistance of his Son, and a Clerk, for the arrangement of the different matters; hours of attendance from ten o'clock in the morning

morning until four in the afternoon. The Clerk is paid by the Clerk of the Crown a yearly Salary of 20 *l.*, and is not entitled to any Allowances or Emoluments. A sum of 1 *s.* is paid for each Search or Copy of Record. No charge made for attendance. The annual amount for each Copy of Record being so seldom applied for, cannot be ascertained.

(6.)—This Quere is answered by that of number Five.

(7.)—There are no Matters not comprised in these Queries that can render the use of the Records more convenient to the Public.

Edward Parker, Clerk Crown.

82. COUNTY OF TIPPERARY.

ANSWERS to the QUERIES directed by the Commissioners on the Public Records in Ireland, referred to in the Letter of their Secretary, of the 18th September 1810, by the PATENTEE CLERK OF THE CROWN for the County of Tipperary.

(1.)—THE Records are, the Informations, Indictments, Pannels, Issues, Affidavits, Orders, and Proceedings of each Assizes, from 1720 to this day; the Books, Manuscript, containing the Abstracts of Indictments and Trials of each Assizes, from 1720 to this day; the Books, Manuscript, containing the Indictments against Persons not amenable to justice, called the Capias Books, from 1751 to this day; the Quere Books, Affidavits and Plans of Public Works, from 1720 to the present day. I know of no chasms or deficiencies in the series.

NOTE.—The County of Tipperary was a County Palatine, which was dissolved by the Act of the 6th George I.; and all the Records belonging to the said County, as I understand, were removed to Dublin.

(2.)—Those Records are kept in the Crown Office, part of a Public Building, perfectly secure, with sufficient accommodation.

(3.)—The Books, Papers and Parchments, of an old date, are some of them decayed by time, and they are arranged thus:—The Books in Cases; the Rolls on Shelves; the Informations, Indictments, Pannels, &c. in small yearly cells of a Press, for the last ten years, and in Repertories contained in a Counter, which divides the Crown Office, each containing the Documents of ten years.

(4.)—There are complete Repertories, of ten years each, containing the Documents belonging to that space of time, all properly arranged, so as to give a speedy Answer to any Question which might be asked. There are Indexes to the Capias and Quere Books. I do not consider the arrangement defective, as the Office was formed under my direction, and the Records, &c. removed from the old to the new Court House, (now twelve years built) by my own hand; nor do I know of any Records being wanting in my Office. The Records of the County belonging to the Peace Office were handed over by me to the Person appointed by the Custos, when he succeeded in setting aside my Patent for that Office, and turned me out of possession.

(5.)—I am the only Officer and only constant Clerk in my Office. The Records are all arranged by my own hand. From the responsibility of my situation, I do *not* suffer any Person in my Office, unless I am present; and I attend there from day to day, and from time to time through the year, as far as may be necessary. But for some time before, at, and after each Assizes, I employ a Clerk to copy the Books and Papers, and engross the several Parchments which are to be done; and he is paid entirely by myself.

The FEES demandable by me under the 49th of the King are as follow:—For every Search, 2 *s.* 2 *d.*:—For every Copy of an Information I am authorized to give, 6 *s.* 8 *d.*:—For every Copy of an Indictment, 6 *s.* 8 *d.*:—For every Copy of an Affidavit, 6 *s.* 8 *d.*:—For every Certificate, 3 *s.* 4 *d.*:—For every Abstract of Indictment, 3 *s.* 4 *d.* I cannot accurately set forth the net annual Amount of the Fees received by me for Searches, Copies, and Certificates, having kept no account thereof; but from the immense weight of business in this County, I should think that such Fees may amount to 100 *l.* per annum. There is a Presentment under the 25th Geo. II. for Salary, of 20 *l.* per annum;—under the 36th Geo. III. for Prisoners at Sessions, of 20 *l.* per annum;—under the 36th Geo. III. for Stationary, and the Quere Books, of 60 *l.* per annum;—under the 49th Geo. III. for distributing Presentment Books, 20 *l.* per annum;—under the 49th Geo. III. for Prisoners Fees acquitted, a sum, which, taking the Average of the last three years, came to 338 *l.* per annum.

I do not suppose it is required of me by the fifth Quere, to set forth the Duties of the Clerk of the Crown: if it is, I am ready to do so. When I was appointed Clerk of the Crown and Peace of this County, by the King's Patent, I relinquished my profession, and left my residence in Dublin, and came to reside at Clonmell, in order more fully to execute the Duties of my Offices. And though the Custos Rotulorum, without any fault laid to my charge, deprived me of the Peace Office, worth about 400 *l.* per annum, and put me to the expense of 800 *l.* for Damages and Costs, for which I have not received any compensation, yet still the whole of my time and abilities are devoted to the execution of the Duties of the Crown Office.

(6.)—No one is specially intrusted with the care of said Records. I attend and make every Search that is required; and every Record, &c. is restored by me to its own place after it is used.

(7.)—I know no Matters not comprised in the preceding Questions, which it is necessary or expedient to observe, for rendering the Records in my Office more convenient to the Public.

Fred^k Falkiner,
Patentee Clerk of the Crown for the County of Tipperary.

Clonmell, 23d October 1810.

APPENDIX.

Circuits: Crown Clerks.

83. COUNTY AND COUNTY OF THE CITY OF WATERFORD.

ANSWERS of the DEPUTY CLERK OF THE CROWN of the County, and County of the City of Waterford, to the QUERIES of the Right Honourable the Commissioners on Records in Ireland.

83. County and County of the City of Waterford.

(1.)—THE following are the Books, Rolls, and Records, in the care and custody of the Clerk of the Crown, or his Deputy, viz.:—Inquisitions, Examinations, Informations, and Recognizances, returned to the several Assizes and Commissions of Gaol Delivery, from the year 1775 to the present time, with the Bills of Indictment preferred thereon; those relating to each Assizes on separate Files.—Crown Books, or Pleas of the Crown, from the same time; Capias Books, in which the names of the Persons against whom Bills of Indictment have been found, are entered in alphabetical order, with a short description of the Offences and Names of the Prosecutors;—Presentments of the Grand Jury, from the year 1780 to the present time;—Affidavits, Estimates, and Accounts, for obtaining and accounting for such Presentments, for the same period;—Quere Books, for the same period;—Alphabetical Registries of Roman Catholics who qualified, from the year 1778 to 1794;—the Precepts for holding the several Assizes, with the Panels of Jurors, &c. annexed. These Records are complete, and without any chasm or deficiency, that I know of. There are some more ancient Books and Files, the dates of which are totally broken and unconnected; but I cannot state when the deficiencies in them occurred.

(2 & 3.)—The Records of the later years, such as it may be necessary to resort to at the Assizes, have been usually kept in an Office or Apartment in a private house in Waterford, rented annually by the Clerk of the Crown; the others are locked up in chests or boxes, which are lodged in a spare Room in the County Gaol; they are all safely preserved, and there does not appear to be any cause of apprehension for their security.

(4.)—There are not any general Catalogues, Schedules, Repertories, or Indexes, save the Alphabetical Books and Registries before-mentioned; these seem hitherto to have answered every purpose required: and without being apprized of the nature and object of those which it may now be deemed expedient to form, it would be impossible to state the time necessary to complete them.

(5 & 6.)—There is no Officer or Clerk particularly employed for the custody or arrangement of the Records. Copies, Certificates, and Searches, are scarcely ever required or applied for, except during, and immediately about the time of the Assizes; they are made by myself or those assisting me in the duties of the Office, at any hour they may be called for, and the Records are always duly and fairly returned to their places. The legal Fees are received for such Copies, &c.; but no Account of their amount, annually or otherwise, has been kept. The Grand Juries of the County of Waterford for some years back, and of the City for the last year only, have presented Five Guineas at each Assizes to be paid the Clerk of the Crown, for an Office to keep the Records, and these are the only Sums paid by the Public on that account.

(7.)—The building Record Rooms, with suitable Presses, &c. seems to be a measure that would render the keeping and use of the Records more convenient.

Cork, 7th January 1811.

Daniel Connell,
Deputy Clerk of the Crown of the County and County of the City of Waterford.

Wm Shaw Mason, Esquire,
&c. &c. &c.

84. NORTH-WEST CIRCUIT.

The RETURN of the CLERK OF THE CROWN for the Counties of Cavan, Fermanagh, Tyrone, Donegal, and City and County of Londonderry on the North-West Circuit, to certain QUERIES contained in an Order of the Right Honourable the Commissioners on Public Records in Ireland.

84. North-West Circuit.

(1.)—THE several sorts of Public Records, Rolls, Instruments, Manuscripts, Books and Papers, in my custody, are as follow:—Rolls or Files for said several Counties, of the Indictments for Crimes and Misdemeanors, with Inquisitions, Depositions, Informations, Examinations, and Confessions, on which said Indictments were respectively found by the Grand Juries, with the Precepts of the Judges for holding the Assizes;—Crown or Court Books, containing Entries or Abstracts of all Indictments where the Parties accused, or any of them, were in custody, or under Recognizances to answer;—Entries of the Pleas, Verdicts, and Judgments in such cases, together with the Names of the Grand Jurors and Sheriffs; also the Names of the several Prisoners discharged by Proclamation, in cases where the Indictments against them were ignored, or no Indictment preferred, and of Persons remaining in custody under orders; also all the Orders of the Court, and generally Entries or Memorandums of all Proceedings on the Crown Side of the Court at the Assizes. These Books are Indexes to the Files, so far as respects the Persons in custody or under Recognizances, as the number of the Indictment on the File is placed opposite the name, so that reference can be immediately had to the Indictment;—Capias or Process Books, containing the Names and Additions of the several Persons indicted, in alphabetical order, the nature of the Crimes, the number of the Indictment on the File, by which reference can be immediately had to said Indictment,—Files, or Bundles of Recognizances to answer

Affidavits

Affidavits filed at the Crown Side of the Court for postponing Trials and other purposes; the Dominicals of the Verdicts, with the Jurors' Names; also Informations taken and returned by Justices of the Peace, against Persons not in custody, or under Recognizance to answer, upon which no Indictments were preferred. These several matters are of little or no use after a few years.—The Presentments of the Grand Juries of said several Counties, for making, widening, and repairing Roads; building and repairing Bridges, Gaols, Court Houses, and other public Works, made pursuant to the several Statutes in force in Ireland for such purposes; also Books of Queries, respecting said several Presentments, and to account for them: All these several Records are complete in the several Counties aforesaid (except the County of Donegal), from the year 1780 to the present time, except the Affidavits respecting Presentments, which are complete from the year 1800; those of a prior date, being useless and of great bulk, are not preserved. The exception of the County of Donegal is owing to the following circumstance: For some time before the Rebellion of 1798, it became necessary to have Troops quartered in the Town of Lifford (the County Town); and there being no Barracks, and the Town being too small to billet the Soldiers on the Inhabitants, all the public Offices, the Grand Jury Room, and part of the Gaol, were taken possession of by them, as a temporary Barrack; during which time the Presses, containing the Records, were broken open by the Soldiers, and nearly the entire of them were either burned, or otherwise destroyed. From that time to the present they are complete. In the other Counties, there are Records, of the several descriptions before enumerated, prior to the year 1780, but the series is not complete, and most of them are in a very imperfect state; not having had occasion however to refer to any of them for twenty years (during which I have been in the Office) I cannot set forth the particular chasms or deficiencies.

(2.)—The Records of the County of Fermanagh are kept in a Room in the Court House, those of the County of Donegal in a Room in the House of Correction, in their respective Counties, in which proper Presses are prepared for their reception; the Buildings are public property, belonging to said Counties; the security and accommodation for keeping said Records are very sufficient. The Records for the other Counties are kept in Presses, in Offices in private Houses in the respective Towns, for which Offices the Grand Juries pay an annual Rent; the security and accommodations are as perfect as can be expected from Offices of such a description, liable to the change of Proprietors and accidents from Fire.

(3.)—The Records, from the year 1780, are in perfect Preservation (except as before), arranged according to the respective Assizes, in manner specified in my Answer to the First Quere.

(4.)—There are no general Catalogues, Calendars, Schedules, or Repertories of said Records, or any Indexes, but those stated in my Answer to the First Quere, (namely, the Crown Book and Capias Book); which Indexes are in no wise defective, and I do not conceive that any degree of utility would result from any Catalogue, &c. being prepared.

(5.)—The only Officer employed for the custody and arrangement of the Records, is the Subscriber, as Deputy Clerk of the Crown; he has no specified hours of attendance, save, that during the Assizes he constantly attends in the Assizes Towns, and at other times whenever called on. There are no annual Salaries, Allowances, or Emoluments paid to him by the Public, in respect of such custody or arrangement. The Fees, demandable for each Search are 2*s.* 2*d.*—for each Certificate 3*s.* 4*d.*—for a Copy of any Record 8*d.* per sheet containing 72 words. There are no specific Fees for attendance with Records, such attendance being seldom required; whenever it is, one guinea is generally the sum demanded: No account is kept of such Fees, and therefore no Account of the net annual amount thereof can be furnished.

(6.)—The Deputy Clerk of the Crown is the only person intrusted with the care of the Records; it is his duty to attend upon every Search, and to take care that every Record is fairly restored to its proper place; in which duty he is usually assisted by the Clerks, necessarily employed in the Office during the Assizes.

(7.)—I am not aware of any Matters not comprised in the Questions put by the Commissioners, which it is necessary or expedient to observe, for rendering the use of the Records of this Office more convenient to the Public.

John Johnston,
Deputy Clerk of the Crown, North-West Circuit.

11th January 1811.

85. NORTH-EAST CIRCUIT.

The RETURN of the CLERK OF THE CROWN for the Counties of Antrim, Armagh, Down, Monaghan, and County of the Town of Carrickfergus, on the North-East Circuit, to certain QUERIES, contained in an Order of the Right Honourable the Commissioners on Public Records in Ireland.

(1.)—THE several sorts of Public Records, Rolls, Instruments, Manuscript Books and Papers, in my custody, are as follow:—Rolls or Files for said several Counties, of the Indictments for Crimes and Misdemeanors, with the Inquisitions, Depositions, Informations, Examinations, and Confessions, on which such Indictments were respectively found by the Grand Juries, with the Precepts of the Judges for holding the Assizes.—Crown or Court Books, containing Entries or Abstracts of all Indictments, where the Parties accused, or any of them, were in custody, or under Recognizance to answer;—Entries of the Pleas, Verdicts and Judgments in such cases, together with the Names of the Grand Jurors and Sheriffs; also the Names of the

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several Prisoners discharged by Proclamation, in cases where the Indictments against them were ignored, or no Indictment preferred; and of Persons remaining in custody under orders; also all Orders of the Court, and generally Entries or Memorandums of all Proceedings on the Crown Side of the Court at the Assizes. These Books are Indexes to the Files, so far as respects the Persons in custody or under Recognizance, as the number of the Indictment on the File is placed opposite the same, so that reference can immediately be had to the Indictment.—Capias or Process Books, containing the Names and Additions of the several Persons indicted, in alphabetical order, the nature of the Crimes, the number of the Indictment on the File, by which reference can immediately be had to such Indictment.—Files, or bundles of Recognizances to answer; Affidavits filed at the Crown Side of the Court, for postponing Trials and other purposes; the Dominicals of the Verdicts, with the Jurors' Names; also Informations taken and returned by Justices of the Peace, against Persons not in custody, or under Recognizance to answer, upon which no Indictments were preferred. These several matters are of little or no use after a few years.—The Presentments of the Grand Juries of said several Counties, for making, widening, and repairing Roads, building and repairing Bridges, Gaols, Court Houses, and other public Works, made pursuant to the several Statutes in force in Ireland for such purposes; also Books of Queries respecting said several Presentments, with the several Affidavits made to ground said Presentments, and to account for them. All these several Records are complete, from the year 1770 to the present time, except the Affidavits respecting Presentments, which are complete from the year 1800; those of a prior date, being useless and of great bulk, are not preserved.—There are Records of the several descriptions before enumerated, prior to the year 1770; but the series is not complete, and most of them are in a very imperfect state; but not having had occasion to refer to any of them for upwards of twenty-six years (during which I have been in the Office), I cannot set forth the particular chasms or deficiencies.

(2.)—The Records for the Counties of Antrim and Down are kept in Rooms in the Court-houses of these respective Counties, in which proper Presses are prepared for their reception. The Buildings are public property belonging to said Counties. The security and accommodation for the keeping said Records are very sufficient; but the Rooms are not regularly aired by Fires. The Records for the other Counties are kept in Presses in Offices in private Houses in the respective Towns, for which Offices the Grand Juries pay an annual Rent. The security and accommodation are as perfect as can be expected from Offices of such a description, liable to the change of Proprietors and accidents from Fire. In Armagh, an Office is preparing in the new Court-house for the accommodation of the Records, which is expected to be ready by next Assizes.

(3.)—The Records, from the year 1770, are in perfect Preservation, and arranged according to the respective Assizes, in the manner specified in my Answer to the first Quere.

(4.)—There are no general Catalogues, Calendars, Schedules, or Repertories of said Records, or any Indexes, but those stated in my Answer to the first Quere, namely, the Crown Book and Capias Book; which Indexes are in no wise defective; and I do not conceive that any degree of utility would result from any Catalogue, &c. being prepared.

(5.)—The only Officer employed for the custody and arrangement of the Records is the Subscriber, as Deputy Clerk of the Crown. He has no specific hours of attendance, save that during the Assizes he attends constantly in the Assizes Towns, and at other times, whenever called on. There are no annual Salaries, Allowances or Emoluments, paid to him by the Public, in respect of such custody or arrangement. The Fee demandable for each Search is 2 *s.* 2 *d.*; for each Certificate 3 *s.* 4 *d.*; for a Copy of any Record, 8 *d.* for each sheet containing seventy-two words. There are no specific Fees for attendance with Records, such Attendance being seldom required; whenever it is, one guinea is generally the sum demanded. No account is kept of such Fees, and therefore no account of the net annual Amount thereof can be furnished; but it is conceived they do not amount in any County to 30 *s.* a year.

(6.)—The Deputy Clerk of the Crown is the only Person intrusted with the care of the Records. It is his Duty to attend upon every Search, and to take care that every Record is fairly restored to its proper place; in which Duty he is usually assisted by the Clerks necessarily employed in the Office during the Assizes.

(7.)—I am not aware of any Matters not comprised in the Queries put by the Commissioners, which it is necessary or expedient to observe, for rendering the use of the Records of this Office more convenient to the Public, save, that if it shall be considered useful or expedient to concentrate and perpetuate the Records, in cases of conviction for Treasons, capital and transportable Felonies, or any other Offences, this object could be attained by requiring the Clerks of the Crown of the several Counties in Ireland, to make up and enrol the Records in all such cases, and deposit such Enrolments annually in the Crown Office of the King's Bench, that Court at present having a general control over all inferior Courts of criminal jurisdiction, and power to remove the Records of such Courts before them. For this Duty, the Clerk of the Crown's Fees are 10 *s.* for each Roll containing six hundred words, so that I apprehend 50 *l.* a year upon an average for each County in Ireland would defray this expense, which the respective Grand Juries might be empowered to present; which, with a moderate allowance to the Clerk of the Crown of the King's Bench for preserving such Records, and making proper Indexes thereto, would be the only expense attending this arrangement, calculated to concentrate and perpetuate very important Records in one Office in Dublin.

Walter Bourne,
D. Clerk Crown North East Circuit of Ulster.

11th January 1811.

86. PROVINCE OF CONNAUGHT.

ANSWERS to the QUERIES directed by the Commissioners on the Public Records in Ireland, to the CLERK OF THE CROWN for the Province of Connaught.

(1.)—THE several sorts of Public Records, Manuscript Books, Rolls, Instruments, and Papers, which are in my custody, and of which I am Keeper, as Clerk of the Crown for the Province of Connaught, are Manuscript Books, called Crown Books, of which there is one for each County; and in these Books are recorded all the Indictments made by the Grand Juries at the several Assizes, the Verdicts of the Petty Juries, and the Sentences of the Court on the several Persons tried on said Indictments; in these Books are also recorded the Fines imposed by the Court, and all the circumstances connected with the Proceedings of the Crown in criminal cases at the Assizes. I have also in my custody the several Panels, so called, containing the Names of all Persons summoned by the Sheriffs to attend the Grand and Petty Juries of the several Counties; and also the several Calendars returned by the Sheriffs, containing the Names of all Persons committed to their custody, specifying the Magistrate by whom, where, and for what crime, committed. I have also in my custody the several Informations of Felonies, and other Offences sworn before the Magistrates of the Province, and the Recognizances, if any such are entered into, by the Persons so charged in said Informations. I have also in my custody all Indictments framed on those Informations engrossed. The Informations and Indictments are kept each in a distinct and separate Roll, labelled with the County, Year, and Assizes, to which they relate. There are not any chasms or deficiencies in the series of these Records, since my appointment to office in 1795, nor have I found any such chasm or deficiency in the Records prior to my appointment, though I have frequently had occasion to refer to them. I have also in my custody, Manuscript and Printed Books called Query Books, one for each County in the Province; and in these Books are recorded all Presentments for levying the Public Monies, or for the other purposes for which Presentments have been made by the Grand Juries of the Province, and fiated by the Judges at the several Assizes. The original Presentments are kept filed in Rolls, a distinct and separate Roll for each Barony in each County of the Province; and both Query Books and Rolls are labelled, specifying the year and the Assizes to which they relate.

(2.)—The Records are lodged in the Crown Office of the County to which they relate; and there is a distinct Crown Office kept in each County, which renders it nearly impossible that the Records of one County can be intermixed with those of another. These Offices consist generally of two or three Rooms of a House that is private property, and these rooms are fitted up with presses, locks and keys, and are divided into separate compartments in which the different sorts of Records are kept. The keys of those rooms and presses are always in my keeping.

(3.)—The Records are in a state of Preservation, and are arranged in the order hereinbefore submitted.

(4.)—There are not in my Office any Catalogues, Calendars, Schedules, Repertories, or Indexes, save such as I have already mentioned and described. I do not know of any others wanted in the Office, or that exist elsewhere in the hands of any other person, or whether they are public or private property. I do not conceive that any degree of public utility would result from rendering these Records more numerous or complete than they at present are, as I have always found them sufficiently so for every purpose of the Office.

(5.)—I have not any Officer or Clerk employed in the custody or arrangement of the Records of my Office, having invariably executed those duties myself, during the fifteen years I have been in office, one Assizes only excepted, when a severe illness rendered me unable to attend. There is not any Salary, Allowance, or Emolument, from the Public, in respect of such custody, unless I am so to consider 10*l.* presented by the Grand Juries of each County at each Assizes, to enable me to pay the Rent of a Crown Office. The several FEES demandable under an Act of Parliament, 49th of the King, are:—For each Search, 2*s.* 2*d.*: For each Certificate or Copy of a Record, 6*s.* 8*d.*—The attendance of the Clerk of the Crown with the Records of his Office, or Copies of them, for the accommodation of individuals, is scarcely in any instance necessary, his signature to such Copies being always deemed sufficient, except where Records of Acquittal or Conviction are called for from the Office; and for making one of such Records, which must be a very special document, and which always consists of one sheet of parchment at least, and for attending to prove it when required, the Fee demandable is Two Guineas. This sort of Record however is so seldom required, that, in the course of the fifteen years that I have been in office, I have never received altogether on such Records twenty guineas. And I am sure that the amount of the other Fees referred to in the Fifth Quere does not exceed, for the entire Province, 50*l.* annually.

(6.)—There is not any Person specially intrusted by me with the care of such Records, or whose duty it is to attend upon every Search, and to take care that every Record be entered in its proper place; this duty as well as all the others of my Office are executed personally by myself.

(7.)—I am not aware that there is any Matter not comprised in the preceding Answers, which it is necessary or expedient for me to observe, for rendering the use of the Records more convenient to the Public.

Maurice Fitzgerald,
Clerk of the Crown for the Province of Connaught.

6th January 1811.

Appendix.
Circuits.
87. Crown Solicitors.

87. (3.)—CROWN SOLICITORS.

RETURNS have been made by the Crown Solicitors of the Four following Districts only; viz. The North East, and North West Circuits, The Provinces of Connaught, and of Munster. They have not any Records in their possession, for the Indictments, &c. are lodged in the Crown Office in each County. Their duty is to carry on Criminal Prosecutions, as ordered by Government, or the Attorney General.

7. CITY, TOWN, MANOR, and other Courts of Inferior Jurisdiction.

(1.) CITY OF DUBLIN.

88. Town Clerks' Office, City of Dublin.

88. TOWN-CLERKS' OFFICE.

SIR, 29th November 1810.

WE received your favour; and in reply beg to acquaint you, That the different Records, &c. &c. which are in our Office as Town-Clerks of the City, are the several Charters which have been at different periods granted, and under which several Charters the Corporation of the City of Dublin derive their respective powers;—the various Bills of Indictment found at the four Quarter Sessions of the Peace, and the Records of the several Convictions had thereunder;—the various Bills of Indictment which have been, from time to time, before the Grand Juries, and which have been ignored;—the Rolls of the Acts of each Assembly of the Corporation, which contain their different Rules, Orders, and Acts: These, with the different Pleas, Declarations, and Proceedings in the Lord Mayor and Sheriff's Court, constitute the different Documents which remain in our Office, and of which we have, by virtue thereof, the safe keeping. Most of those relating to the Corporation, and being the Documents under which they act, and by which their conduct is governed, we, with great deference, presume they do not come within the object of the Record Commissioners. Were we to answer the different Queries contained in your Letter, the first one would occupy two or three Clerks for near a year; for, upon an average, there are generally tried thirty Prisoners every fortnight; and we prepare more Bills of Indictment to go before the Grand Juries in one Quarter, than any Four Counties in Ireland do in twelve months. Suffer us however to observe, that if the foregoing Statement does not meet your idea, we shall feel it our inclination, as well as our duty, by any other act of ours, to promote and forward the views of the Record Commissioners; and have the honour to be, &c.

Allen & Greene,
Town Clerks and Clerks of the Peace of the County of the City of Dublin.

Wm Shaw Mason, Esquire,
&c. &c. &c.

Additional Return from the Town-Clerks' Office.

WE have the honour to transmit the following Answers to the Queries contained in your Letter, for the Information of the Commissioners on the Public Records in Ireland.

(1.)—There are three sorts of Public Records in our custody:—First, The several Records connected with the Civil Proceedings carried on in the Recorder's Court.—Secondly, Those relating to the Criminal Prosecutions in said Court.—Thirdly, The Registry of Persons admitted to be Freemen by the Corporation of Dublin.

In the First description are comprised the following Books and Files of original Papers:

Books: Action Book; wherein are entered the Names of Plaintiff and Defendant, together with the amount of the Sum sued for in each Cause.—Bail Book; containing the descriptions of the Persons becoming Securities for Defendants.—Declaration Book; containing an Entry, as to the nature of each Action:—Rule Book; containing the Entries of the Rules of the Court upon the various Declarations so filed.—These Books commence in 1657.

Writ Book; containing an Entry of the Executions which issue.—Recognizance Book; wherein all Recognizances are entered, to be accountable for Return of Goods seized under Attachment, if Return should be required.—Habeas-Corpus Book; in which Entries are made of such Causes as may be removed to any of the superior Courts.—These Books commence in 1757.

Files of Affidavits; setting forth the ground upon which the respective Actions are founded.—Declarations; containing Statement of the nature and cause of Action.—Pleas; where Issue is joined.—Judgments; Final decision of the Court.—Inquiries; containing Findings of Juries, summoned to inquire into Claims of Property seized under Attachment of the Court.—These Papers commence in 1657.

In the Second description are comprised the following Documents:

Books: Bill Book; containing the Findings of the Juries, upon the several Bills sent up to them.—Custody Book; containing Lists of Prisoners, the nature of the Prosecutions against them, and the Sentence of the Court

Court upon Trial thereupon.—Traverse Book; containing Entries of the Persons out on Bail, the nature of their Offences, and the Names and Descriptions of their respective Securities.—List-Book; Lists of Persons to be tried on each Court-day.—Files: Ignored Bills; being such as are not found by the Juries.—Custody File; containing the Indictments found against Prisoners.—Traverse File; containing the Names of the several Persons out on Bail, and their Sureties.—These Books and Files commence in 1694.

The Third description merely comprises Lists of Persons admitted to be Freemen of the City of Dublin, by Act of Assembly, which commence in the year 1696. There does not appear to be any chasm or deficiency in the series of the Records above-mentioned.

88. Town Clerks' Office. Additional Returns.

(2.)—These Records are lodged in an Office adjoining the City Court, well adapted for their preservation and accommodation; there being a stone-vaulted Room with an iron door, wherein are lodged all valuable Records; and it is the sole property of the City of Dublin.

(3.)—All the Records are in good Preservation; and such as the Public have occasion to search for, are arranged in perfect order.

(4.)—There are Indexes to such of the Books as require them; but the nature of the documents in general is such, that it does not appear that any benefit would result to the Public from having any further Indexes made.

(5.)—We have not any Clerks paid by the Public. We charge six shillings and eight-pence for each Search, and also for attendance with a Record; the amount arising from such Searches and Attendances is extremely trifling.

(6.)—We keep in our possession the key of the Room in which the Records are lodged; and strict attention is always paid to the restoration of each Record to its proper place.

(7.)—There does not appear to us to be any Matter requiring investigation, which is not comprised in the foregoing Questions.

13th April 1813. *Allen & Greene.*

89. CIVIL BILL COURT.

RETURN of the Records of the CIVIL BILL COURT of the City of Dublin, in the Custody of the Register of that Court; with ANSWERS to the several QUERIES directed by the Commissioners of Public Records in Ireland.

89. Civil Bill Court.

(1.)—THE only Records which are in my custody, or which belong to the said Court, are Manuscript Books, in which are contained Entries of the Civil Bills and Decrees, and of such Appeals as are taken to said Decrees. There is one Book for each Sessions; and I have the entire of these Books, from the period of my appointment in the year 1798 to the present time.

(2.)—The Books are kept in suitable Presses, provided at my own expense for the purpose, in my House, No. 30, Rutland-square, West, there not being any Public Office allotted to me.

(3.)—The Books are in a very good state of Preservation, and are arranged in periodical order, from the year 1798 to the present time.

(4.)—The Civil Bills and Decrees are entered numerically in the respective Books; and as each Book is labelled with the Session and Year, the reference to them is not attended with any delay or difficulty.

(5.)—There is one Clerk or Assistant employed by me, for the purpose of attending to these Books, and to the Business of the Court; but there are not any days or hours particularly specified for attendance, as the Books are at all times (during the usual Office Hours) open for the inspection of the Suitors, without any Fee being demanded for a Search.

(6.)—The Records are in my own immediate custody, as already stated; and they are always carefully preserved in the place allotted for the purpose, as herein-before mentioned.

(7.)—I am not aware of any Matter not comprised in the Queries, which it is material to observe upon; nor do I think that any alteration is necessary to render the use of the Records more convenient to the Public.

John King Irwin,
Register Civil Bill Court.

90. LORD MAYOR'S SECRETARY.

SIR, Mansion-House, Dublin, 25th March 1811.

90. Lord Mayor's Secretary.

I HAD the honour of receiving your Letter; and in answer, I beg leave to state to you, for the information of the Commissioners, that I have not in my care, as Secretary to the Lord Mayor, or in any other capacity, nor has any other Person under him, the custody or care of any Public Records; as every Instrument entered into before his Lordship is immediately forwarded to the Town Clerk's Office, and there remains as matter of Record.

I have the honour to be, Sir, &c.

Wm Shaw Mason, Esquire, &c. &c. &c.

Charles Pemberton,
Secretary to the Lord Mayor.

APPENDIX.

Courts of Inferior Jurisdiction: City of Dublin.

91. Sheriffs' Office.

91. SHERIFFS' OFFICE.

The ANSWERS of the HIGH SHERIFFS of the City of Dublin to the QUERIES directed by the Commissioners on the Public Records in Ireland.

(1.)—THERE are not any Public Records, Rolls, Instruments, or Manuscript Books or Papers, in our custody, save the several Writs issued forth of His Majesty's High Court of Chancery, the Courts of King's Bench, Common Pleas, and Exchequer, in Ireland, since our coming into office, which was on the first day of October instant.

(2.)—Said Writs are lodged in a House in Mass-lane, in the City of Dublin, called the Sheriffs' Office; which is not in a condition of security or accommodation for the keeping thereof; and same is private property, rented by the Sheriffs at a considerable annual Rent, from the absolute necessity of same being contiguous to the said Courts, in order to expedite and carry into effect the several purposes for which His Majesty's said Writs issue therefrom.

(3.)—Said Writs are all in good order and Preservation; and are severally arranged by numbering, entering and filing same, on their being delivered at said Office.

(4.)—There are complete and correct Indexes to each sort of Writ, specifying the Court from whence they issue, and their nature, respectively.

(5.)—There is but one Clerk employed in said Office, who has the arrangement of said Writs, and who attends every day in the year (Sundays excepted) from eleven o'clock in the forenoon to three o'clock in the afternoon, and from seven to nine in the evening; to whom neither Salary, Allowance nor Emolument, is paid by the Public in respect thereof. There are not any Fees demandable for any Search, Certificate, or Copy of said Writs, or attendance therewith.

(6.)—There is not any Person specially intrusted with the care of said Writs, other than as before mentioned; nor is there any other Regulation observed in regard to the care thereof, than as above mentioned.

(7.)—There are not any Matters necessary or expedient to observe, for rendering the use of the said Writs more convenient to the Public, save the insufficiency and inconveniency arising from the Sheriffs' Office being private property, and being at a distance from, and apart and unconnected with, the Law Courts, and the Offices from whence His Majesty's said Writs issue as before mentioned.

Dated 18th October 1810.

For *Matthew West*, & *Brent Nevill* Junior, Esquires,
High Sheriffs of the County of the City of Dublin,
George Archer,
Sub-Sheriff of the County of the City of Dublin.

(2.) COUNTY OF DUBLIN.

92. REGISTER OF QUARTER SESSIONS.

RETURN of the Records of the COURT of QUARTER SESSIONS for the County of Dublin, in the Custody of the Chairman's Register, with ANSWERS to the several QUERIES directed by the Commissioners on the Public Records in Ireland.

92. Register of Quarter Sessions, County of Dublin.

(1.)—THE only Records in my custody, appertaining to the Court of Quarter Sessions for the County of Dublin, are,—I. The Book of Entries of the Civil Bills, tried before the Chairman Mr. Serjeant Moore, since his appointment to that situation. This Book commences the 7th August 1810, and contains the Entries and Decrees upon all Civil Bills entered for Trial from that period to the present, regularly divided under the heads of the several Sessions at which such Entries and Decrees were made; and (inasmuch as a greater or lesser number of Entries and Decrees have been made since the above period, at every Quarter Sessions for the County of Dublin, and as same have been regularly entered in said Book) there is not any chasm or deficiency therein.—II. The several Affidavits made by the Plaintiffs or their Agents, to obtain Renewals of Decrees, and filed with me.—III. The original Consents signed by the Defendants in such Cases as were decreed upon Consent (which Consents I require to be filed);—and, IV. The several Recognizances of Bail in all cases wherein the Decrees pronounced have been appealed from. I have not got possession of any of the Records antecedent to the Quarter Sessions of August 1810, which are in the custody of Thomas Snagg, Esquire, late Register of the Quarter Sessions of the County of Dublin; to whom, however, I have applied for the same, and who has promised to hand them over to me; and of which, when received, I shall return an account.

(2.)—The Records above mentioned are kept in my own House, No. 28, French-street, and are lodged in my own Office, to which there is not any recourse during my absence from home; which renders the same perfectly secure.

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(3.)—The Book of Entries is quite new, and in excellent Preservation. The other Documents above stated are also in good Preservation. The latter are upon Files distinctly kept for that purpose.

(4.)—There are not any Catalogues or Indexes to the above. I conceive same would be superfluous, as the Entries made at each Sessions are far from being numerous, and easily discovered under the head of the particular Sessions when same were made: when the Book of Entries, however, becomes more voluminous, an Index may be useful, and shall be added.

(5.)—There is not any Person permitted to have recourse to the above Records, save a confidential Apprentice, who copies the several Entries into said Book from the rough Book which I keep for Court use, and which I always see correctly done. No Copies of such Entries, Searches, or Certificates thereof, have ever been required; nor are there are any Fees allowed for same, the Act of Parliament prohibiting such.

(6.)—I conceive answered above.

(7.)—There are not, in my judgment, any Matters which are not comprised in the Queries proposed, which it is necessary or expedient to observe for rendering the use of the above Records more convenient to the Public, or ameliorating the method of their disposal or custody.

Andrew Blair Carmichael,
Register Quarter Sessions County Dublin.

28, French-street.

93. CLERK OF THE PEACE.

The ANSWER of John William Ball, DEPUTY CLERK OF THE PEACE for the County of Dublin, to the several QUERIES directed by the Right Honourable the Commissioners on the Public Records of Ireland.

(1.)—AS Deputy Clerk of the Peace for the County of Dublin, the following Records are in my custody; viz.—Some true Bills of Indictment, found by the Sessions Grand Jury of said County, from the year 1752 to the year 1763, both inclusive; the ignored Bills within that period are not to be found, except those of October Sessions 1763; the earlier parts of these Records are rather mutilated and imperfect, but those of the later years are in a tolerably good state of Preservation.—From 1764 inclusive, to the present year, the Files of true and ignored Bills are in excellent Preservation; and (with the exception of the ignored Bills of the several Sessions of January and April 1764, April 1770, and July 1792, and the true Bills of the Sessions held in July 1793, and October 1802, which are not to be found) are complete, without any apparent deficiency.—The Recognizances returned to this Office from the year 1753, for the appearance of Prosecutors, and Persons against whom Informations have been sworn; those from the year 1753 to 1758 inclusive, are imperfect, both in point of number and of preservation; but from that period to the present, they are in good order, and appear complete.—One Extra-baronial and nine Baronial Files, containing the original Affidavits of all the 50*l.* and 20*l.* Freeholders registered, from 1795 to the present year.—A distinct set of Files, for the Affidavits of 40*s.* Freeholders registered, from 1795 to 1805; and similar Files for those registered from that to the present period; these Affidavits, but particularly the latter, are in a good state of preservation, and placed upon the Files of their respective Baronies, according to the date of Registry.—Two County-at-large Books, for the general alphabetical Registry of the preceding Affidavits, and nine Baronial Books, containing the same Registry, classed in the respective Baronies.—Another County-at-large, and a similar number of Baronial Books, for the Registry of 40*s.* Freeholders, as directed by the Act of the 45th of His present Majesty.—The Swords Borough Book, containing the original Affidavits of the Burghers, from October 1795; and an alphabetical Entry thereof.—A Book, containing an alphabetical List of Catholic Freeholders taking the Oath of Qualification, commencing in 1799, and continued to the present period.—The Baronial Poll-Books, kept by the High Sheriffs of the County of Dublin, on the several Elections for Knights in Parliament, of 1802, 1806, and 1807.—Affidavits and Notifications as to the keeping of Arms, commencing 3d September 1792; with Baronial Books, in which the Names and Residences of the Persons licensed to keep same, are alphabetically entered.—Affidavits and Certificates, relating to the Qualification of County of Dublin Militia Officers, commencing in 1793 and ending in 1806.—Returns made by Treasurer of County of Dublin; and Abstracts of Orders relative to Militia Families, commencing in 1797 and ending in 1811.—Qualifications of Deputy Governors for the County of Dublin.—A Set of miscellaneous Affidavits, made in Mitigation of Punishment, to postpone Trials, reduce Fines, take off Estreats; and several Informations, (upon which, from their insufficiency, no Indictments could be drawn), from the year 1758 to 1811.—Issues from 1759 to 1798, and from 1805 to the present time; from 1798 to 1805, the Issues are not to be found.—Appeals from Civil Bill-Decrees, and Adjudications of Magistrates, and Releases, from 1759 to the present period.—The Roll formerly subscribed by Publicans, and the Bonds entered into by them, on obtaining License to retail Spirits, commencing in 1760: the bonds of 1760 appear complete; of 1761 there are but two Bonds; from that period to the year 1776, I do not find any; nor are there any from that year to the 29th September 1804; from which, to the present period, there are not any deficient.—Convictions, from December 1806 to February 1808, for retailing Spirits illegally, and the Bonds and Appeals of Spirit Retailers against such Convictions; commencing at same period, and ending in August 1808.—A Roll, containing the Oaths of Allegiance and Transubstantiation, with the Signatures of

Persons

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93. Clerk of the Peace.

Persons taking same, from 1756 to 1800; and Certificates of their having previously attended Divine Service, and received the Sacrament.—Capias Books, in which are alphabetical Lists of all Bills of Indictment found, from 1751 to the present time; and the Court and Crown Books, and Gaolers' Calendars, from 1759 to the present period.—The several Affidavits, from 1779 to the present time, for the Registry of Trees; and a Book, containing the Entry of such Affidavits respectively.—The Schedules and Affidavits of Debtors, who have taken the benefit of Insolvent Acts, in 1801, 1804, 1805, 1806, and 1809, and the Gaolers' Returns of Debtors in custody.—Enrolments of Judgments past on Prisoners under Sentence, commencing in 26th George II. and ending in the 40th of His present Majesty; and Pardons, commencing in 1771, and ending in 1802.—Presentment Book, commencing in 1721, and ending in 1742; another, commencing in 1753, and ending in 1763; and a third, commencing in 1777, and continued to the present year.—Commissions of the Peace, from 30th George the Second to 1790; and Writs of Supersedeas, from 1802 to December 1807. The foregoing is a correct detail of the Records at present in my custody, as Deputy Clerk of the Peace for the County of Dublin, to which Office I was appointed in the month of May 1810. There are not (as far as I can discover) any chasms or deficiencies in the series of such Records, except as I have before specified. As to the causes of these deficiencies, it is impossible for me even to form a conjecture, with any degree of certainty. They are, however (as I am inclined to believe) attributable to the frequent changes which may have occurred in the appointment of the Clerks of the Peace and their Deputies, but more particularly to the want of any permanent public Office, in which they could have been securely deposited. The Records, having been generally transferred from the private residence of the former Clerk of the Peace to that of his Successor, were thus rendered liable to frequent losses, and their state of Preservation much impaired. A great part of these Records too were, until lately, deposited in a damp and insecure Room, at the old Court-house of Kilmainham, from whence I had them removed to my Office. The deficiencies, however, are not (as I conceive) of any importance, as they do not affect the material Records, but are principally confined to those casual and unimportant documents (such as Releases, Recognizances, Panels, &c.), the want of which, it is humbly suggested, never can operate as a public injury.

(2.)—Said Records are at present lodged in my Office, No. 32, Dominick-street, Dublin; the house, in which such Office is held, is private property, and is, in point of security, similarly circumstanced with the generality of private residences. In point of accommodation, it is well adapted for the keeping of said Records, and lies in a central and convenient situation for the Public.

(3.)—The state of Preservation of these Records (with the exceptions already particularized in my Answer to the First Quere) is very perfect. The Freeholders' Affidavits have sustained some little injury, from the frequent recurrence had to them by the several Agents for the Candidates on the contested Elections since the date of their Registry; they are not however at all materially defaced. The different Records are severally arranged in their respective classes, the latter ones in wooden presses, procured by me for that purpose. The true and ignored Bills are classed in the respective Sessions and Years; the Releases, Issues, Jury Panels, Recognizances, Appeals, &c. are also similarly regulated, so as to give complete facility to any Search it might be necessary to make; the Freeholders' Affidavits are (as I have before mentioned) regularly placed upon the respective Baronial Files, and the different Books are severally arranged according to their date and description.

(4.)—There are not any complete or general Catalogues, Calendars, Schedules, or Repertories, relating to these Records, except so far as each Book (which I have before alluded to) is in itself an Index to the several Records of which it forms a compendium; and indeed these Books seem fully calculated to answer every object of public utility; nor do I conceive that any degree of utility would possibly result from having more complete (or rather more diffuse) Catalogues of such Records, as suggested in this Quere, the present Books forming in themselves a concise but perfect transcript of all the material parts of such Records, and giving an immediate direction to any document it may be necessary to recur to: Should it be deemed essential to frame such general Schedules, they might, in my opinion, be completed in about one month, by the ordinary diligence of two active Clerks. There are not, I am convinced, any Manuscript or other Copies of such Indexes in existence.

(5.)—I have not any Clerks employed for the custody or arrangement of said Records, &c. in my Office, the whole duty of such arrangement devolving upon myself, except such aid as I occasionally derive from the adventitious assistance of the Clerks whom I employ in my distinct profession as an Attorney and Solicitor in Dublin. Indeed the Emoluments of my Office, as Clerk of the Peace, are so very trivial and inconsiderable, as not to admit the expense of a Clerk in that exclusive department, although the pressure of business very frequently obliges me to employ one. The Office is open every day from ten to five, and from seven to nine in the Evening. The Fees demandable and received by me, are those directed by the Act of the 49th of His present Majesty. The Searches, Certificates, Copies of Records, &c. mentioned in this Quere, are but seldom demanded, and the Fees upon them have not since my appointment (a period of about thirteen months), amounted as I believe in the whole to Ten Pounds sterling.

(6.)—There is not any Person specially intrusted by me with the care of said Records, as I myself retain the keys of the presses containing them, and, generally, superintend the making of every Search; should a Copy of any such Records be required, it is my usual custom to give the original to one of my Clerks for that purpose, and afterwards have it replaced in its former situation.

(7.)—There

(7.)—There are not any Matters, not comprised in the preceding Queries, which it is necessary to observe, except to suggest the expediency of immediately allotting, in a commodious situation in the City of Dublin, (which in fact lies in the centre of the County, and would consequently be most convenient to the Public), a secure and permanent public Office for the custody of said Records, some of which (particularly the Freeholders' Affidavits) are of the utmost importance. It probably may not be improper here to offer an observation with respect to the Registry of those Affidavits; the Fee upon each of which being but one shilling, is quite an insufficient recompence for the trouble of doing so, and the expense of procuring the Books directed by Act of Parliament for that purpose, one set of which alone cost me 25*l.* sterling. The Sessions are also, for the convenience of Freeholders, very frequently adjourned to remote parts of the County of Dublin; at which Adjournments the Clerk of the Peace is bound to attend, and for which he does not receive any additional remuneration. It is in the power, too, of any Freeholder to demand a List of the Freeholders' names, with their Residences, nature and value of Freehold, date of Registry, &c. as entered in the County-at-large Books, paying for such Lists at the rate of three pence for every 100 names, a recompence which will obviously appear inadequate to the purchase of the very paper used in completing it: these Entries may be at about 50 words each; the usual charge of Scriveners is 1½*d.* for each sheet containing 72 words; so that the bare expense of procuring 100 names to be thus copied, independently of the trouble of subsequently comparing and attesting such Lists, would amount to about 9*s.* and for this the Clerk of the Peace is, by Act of Parliament, allowed but 3*d.*; and in default of furnishing such Lists, within ten days after demand, becomes liable to a Penalty of 50*l.* sterling. It appears that this clause fortunately is not generally known; for if it were, a few ill-inclined Freeholders could (by repeating such demands) actually oblige the Clerk of the Peace rather to abandon his situation than fulfil the duty imposed on him by the Act, and which it would, in fact (in the event of such demand being frequently made) become utterly impossible for him to perform. It is, besides, humbly apprehended, that such Lists can only be essential for Candidates upon General Elections; and as each Freeholder has, at reasonable hours, a right of access to the Registry Books, the withholding of such Lists (except upon very particular occasions) would in no way militate against the freedom of Elections, nor would the generality of Freeholders sustain any injury whatever from the deprivation of the power of demanding such Lists, which each of them at present possesses. It is, therefore, with great humility suggested, that an amendment of the Law in this respect would be essentially conducive to public benefit, since it would protect the several Clerks of the Peace from being harassed at the caprice of malicious persons, and enable them, by an increase of their Emoluments, to adopt a more enlarged and better arrangement, for the purpose of making the use of said Records more convenient to the Public, than their present trifling Fees can possibly admit of.

John William Ball,
Deputy Clerk of the Peace, County Dublin.

94. SHERIFF'S OFFICE

The ANSWERS of Benedict Arthure, Esquire, UNDER SHERIFF of the County of Dublin, to the QUERIES proposed by the Right Honourable the Commissioners on the Public Records of Ireland.

(1.)—THE several sorts of Public Records (if they can be so termed) are Replevins, Marked Writs, Bail Bonds, Writs of Ca Sa, Fi Fa, Habere, Elegit, Capias ut-Legatum, Summonses, Distringases, Dominicals or original Inquisitions, &c. &c. There are also Books, in which the several Writs, &c. are correctly entered in alphabetical order; also Panels of Juries, &c. The above Writs, &c. &c. commence 12th February 1810, and end 12th February 1811; Entries of which will also appear in the several and respective proper Offices from whence they issued. There are no chasms or deficiencies in the series of said Records.

(2.)—The above Records, &c. are lodged in the house, No. 7, Stafford-street. The accommodation, as to security, for the keeping of said Records, is in common with all other houses which are private property.

(3.)—The said Records are in good Preservation, and are severally arranged in alphabetical order.

(4.)—There are no complete or correct General Catalogues, Calendars, Schedules, Repertories, or Indexes; and it is conceived that no utility would result from having the said Catalogues, &c. &c. completed.

(5.)—There is one Clerk employed for the custody and arrangement of said Records, and for conducting the general business of this Office; the said Clerk has been employed in said Office these ten years last past, and is very competent for performing the duties of this Department. This Clerk attends in said Office from Ten till Four each day, and from Seven till Nine in the evening, for discharging the duties aforesaid, and is paid by the Sheriff. There are no Salaries, Fees, Allowances or Emoluments paid by the Public, in respect of said Records.

(6.)—The Clerk is intrusted with the care of the aforesaid Records.

(7.)—I do not feel myself competent to suggest any further or other Matters which are necessary or expedient to observe, for rendering the use of the said Records, &c. more convenient to the Public, save the want of a secure and permanent Office, (which, it is humbly conceived, ought to be supplied by the County,) that might be secure against fire or other depredations which private dwelling-houses are constantly exposed to. All which is respectfully submitted, &c.

Benedict Arthure,
Late Under Sheriff, County Dublin, 7, Stafford-street.

95. SENESCHAL OF THE KING'S MANORS.

SIR, 7, Merrion Square, 28th December 1810.

I SHOULD have answered your favour sooner, but have been extremely ill. I was appointed Seneschal to the King's Manors, during the Administration of Lord Harcourt, as a sinecure Place. I never received any Records from Mr. Barry, my Predecessor; neither did I ever understand he had any; his Salary was 200*l.* a year more than mine.

By this Answer to your First Quere, I take for granted all the rest are answered.

I have the honour to be, Sir, &c.

To Wm Shaw Mason, Esquire, &c. &c.

H. Westenra.

96. REGISTER, MANOR OF ST. SEPULCHRE.

The ANSWERS of George Irwin, REGISTER of the Courts of the Liberty of Saint Sepulchre, Manors of Swords, Lusk, Finglass, Ballymore, Rathcoole, Clondalkin, Soneghkill, and Castle Kevin, in the Counties of Dublin and Wicklow, to the QUERIES of the Commissioners of Records, &c.

96. Register, Manor of St. Sepulchre.

(1.)—I HAVE in my possession Files of Affidavits, Warrants of Attorney, Precepts, Attachments, Appearances, Bail Pieces, Declarations in Debt, and in Assumpsit, Pleas, Venires, Distringases, Dominicals, Issues and Verdicts, from the time of my Appointment as Register to said Liberty and Manors, which took place in February 1808, to the present time; as also Books of Hearings of Summonses for Small Debts under 5*l.* for the same period. I have also the Book of the Proceedings of the Grand Juries of said Liberty and Manors, their Presentments and Contracts, for the like period; which Book also contains the Proceedings of the Grand Juries of said Liberty, and the different Manors attached thereto, from the year 1782 to the time of my Appointment; but I have no other Records of the Proceedings of said Courts, previous to my Appointment, for the reasons stated in my Answer to the Second Quere.

(2.)—The Palace of the Archbishop of Dublin, the Court House, and Registry of said Liberty, having been purchased by Government about the year 1798 for a Barrack; the Records &c. were removed to the then Deputy Seneschal's House, in Charlemont-street, from whence they were only lately removed by the present Seneschal, Doctor Hare, to his House in Park-street, where they still remain; those Records are of a like nature with what are in my possession, and are from a very early period, to the conclusion of the last century; a great part of which being in Law-Latin or Norman French, and in the old Court hand, I cannot detail their contents. The Records commencing about 1798 (when the late Register Mr. Bury was appointed), to the year 1808, when I was appointed, are detained by him, although they are clearly Public Property, because he alleges, that there is a Sum of Money due to him for Rent of the temporary Court House of said Liberty, which Rent became due previous to the appointment of the present Seneschal.

(3.)—The Records of the Proceedings of said Courts since my appointment, are in my possession, regularly filed; but those previous to my appointment are unascertained and unarranged, as there is not any Office at present appropriated to them. They are kept in the Seneschal's house, in a dry room, and have not suffered any injury since they came into his possession; but it is apprehended, from the state in which they were found, that they are somewhat imperfect and defective.

(4.)—There are no Catalogues, Calendars, Schedules, Repertories, or particular Indexes, of any of said Records, nor am I aware that any such are in existence; but the utility of having such must be obvious, as at present it would be impossible to undertake any search for any Proceedings which occurred in said Courts previous to my appointment; and as the practice of said Courts is regulated almost entirely by ancient usage and custom, it would be very satisfactory to be able to refer to those Precedents with ease and expedition. It would be also absolutely necessary, if there was a proper Office, to have the Leases of the Tenants to the several Manors under the See of Dublin registered, as was formerly the custom, which appears by Clauses contained in some of the old Leases; and if this regulation were revived, it would materially assist in ascertaining the bounds and limits of those Liberties, which at present in many instances are in great doubt and uncertainty. And I think that if a proper Office were provided, I could, with the assistance of three intelligent Clerks, arrange all the Records, &c. and complete Catalogues and Indexes thereto, in the course of nine months.

(5.)—From there not being, as before mentioned, any Office wherein the business of said Liberties could be conducted, I have no Officers or Clerks, whose particular duty it is to keep or arrange said Records. The general duties of a Clerk or Clerks in said Office, would be, to assist me in entering Precepts, receiving and filing Affidavits, Declarations, Pleas, &c.; engrossing Records and Rolls of the different Proceedings; issuing Precepts, Attachments, and Summonses, &c.; drawing Warrants, copying Affidavits, and Declarations, and making regular Indexes and Catalogues of the same; and if I had a regular Office for these purposes, it would be necessary for the benefit of the Public, that there should be a regular attendance therein for about five hours in each day. There is therefore no Salary, Allowance, or Emolument whatever, paid any Officer

or Clerk in my Office by the Public. The Fees demandable for any Search, and the Attendance thereon, as well as for the Copies of each Search, depend upon the length of time for which the Search is made, the trouble therein, the length of the Copy of the Proceedings required, and the Stamp Duty thereon, subject to the approval of the Seneschal for the time being.

(6.)—I am the Person intrusted with the care of the Records (except as before mentioned), and have always attended, and (with assistance when requisite) made any Searches required; but, for the reasons contained in the Answer to the last Quere, there cannot be, under existing circumstances, any regulation observed for effecting the purposes in this Quere mentioned.

(7.)—By an Act passed in the 44th year of His present Majesty, Chap. 63, on Government purchasing the Palace, Court House, &c. the Purchase Money amounting to 7,923*l.* 12*s.* 7*d.* was deposited in the Bank of Ireland, bearing Interest, to be laid out in the purchase of a Palace for the Archbishop, and a Court House for his Liberties; but until a Palace was purchased, the Sum applicable to the building of a Court House could not be ascertained. A Palace has been lately purchased, and I hope the building of a Court House, &c. will shortly take place. The illness of the present Archbishop has hitherto delayed this business, towards which considerable progress was made, as the Seneschal and Grand Jury had procured Plans, and submitted them to his Grace for his approbation.

George Irwin.

24th March 1811.

97. SENESCHAL, LIBERTY OF ST. PATRICK.

SIR,

IN compliance with the request of the Right Honourable the Commissioners on the Public Records, contained in a Letter from their Secretary, dated the 18th of September 1810, but which I did not receive till the 9th of October instant, I beg to submit the following as my ANSWERS to the QUERIES annexed to the said Letter; making this preliminary observation, that I do not hold any Manor Court, but merely a Court Leet, or View of Frank Pledge, whose ancient Authorities have become, in a great measure, obsolete; and, as the business now transacted there is of a trifling nature, the Records of it are not deserving public attention.

(1.)—The only Records, Rolls, Instruments, Manuscript Books or Papers in my possession or custody, as Keeper of the said Records, or relating to my Office, are two Manuscript Books, and a number of Warrants from the Treasurer of the County of Dublin, to collect the portion of County Cess payable by the Liberty of Saint Patrick's. The first Book commences the 6th of October 1778, and ends the 26th of April 1804; but having been injured, and some leaves torn and others loosened, I procured another Book, into which I copied the proceedings, from the 15th April 1799 to the 26th of April 1804 (both inclusive); from which last mentioned period the proceedings have been entered in said second Book by myself. There are some trifling chasms in the first Book, occasioned by some leaves having been torn; but at what time that happened I cannot say, save that it must have been before the year 1796.

(2.)—The said Books and Warrants are kept in my Dwelling-house, No. 40, Harcourt-street, Dublin, which is sufficient, as to security and accommodation, for the keeping thereof, and which Building is my private property.

(3.)—The first Book is not in a good state of Preservation, having been injured, as stated in my Answer to the first Quere. The second Book is in good Preservation. They require no arrangement.

(4.)—There are no general or particular Catalogues, Calendars, Schedules, Repertories or Indexes; I am not aware of any degree of utility which would result from them. An Index to both might be made in one day, by a diligent and intelligent Clerk.

(5.)—There is no Officer or Clerk employed for the custody or arrangement of the Records of my Office.

(6.)—I apprehend that it is the duty of the Seneschal to take care of the Records; there is no other person specially intrusted in this Liberty, and therefore I have taken care of them since my appointment. In the time of my predecessor, the first Book, above mentioned, was kept by an Officer called The Marshal. It follows, from my conception of the Seneschal's duty, that he is bound to attend upon every Search when required, and to take care that the Book be restored to its usual place. There is no other Regulation observed in this respect. But since the 16th of November 1796, the time of my appointment, I do not recollect that any application was ever made for a Search in these Books, or either of them; but if a Search were called for, I would attend, and let it be made without any Fee, Allowance or Emolument.

(7.)—I am not aware that there are any Matters, not comprised in the first Six Questions annexed, which it is necessary or expedient to observe, for rendering the use of the said Records more convenient to the Public; but if the Commissioners should deem it necessary to make any further Inquiry, I shall with readiness attend them, and give them every Information in my power.

William Ridgeway,
Seneschal, Saint Patrick's Liberty, Dublin.

24th October 1810.

98. REGISTER, MANOR GRANGE GORMAN OR GLASNEVIN.

ANSWERS to the QUERIES directed by the Commissioners on the Public Records in Ireland to the REGISTER of the Manor Court of Glasnevin, commonly known by the name of Grange Gorman.

98. Register, Manor Grange Gorman or Glasnevin.

(1.)—THERE are no Public Records, Rolls, Instruments, Manuscript Books or Papers, in my custody, or in the custody of any other Person, to my knowledge, save the Books containing the Rules and Orders respecting small Debts made in said Manor Court, commencing the 11th October 1739, and continuing to the present time; and a Book containing the Proceedings of the Juries of said Manor, commencing in 1747, and ending in June 1805; a file of Affidavits respecting said Debts; three Declarations filed for Recovery of Debts; and one Plea to one of said Declarations.

(2.)—The said Books, Declarations, Plea and Affidavits, are lodged in the House, No. 1, Russell-street, in said Manor; which is my residence and private property.

(3.)—The said Books, Affidavits, Declarations and Plea, are in good Preservation.

(4.)—There being, as aforesaid, no Records in said Manor, save said Books, Affidavits, Declarations and Plea; there are no Catalogues, Calendars, Schedules, Repertories or Indexes thereto, nor do they exist in any other place to my knowledge.

(5.)—There are no Officers or Clerks for the custody and arrangement of said Records, save the Register of said Manor Court, who resides in the House where said Books, Affidavits, Declarations and Plea, are deposited: Nor is there any Annual Salary, Allowance or Emolument, paid by the Public in respect of such custody: Nor is there any Table of Fees demandable for each Search or Copy of Record, save 6*d.* a sheet for Copy of Declarations; there has not been any Money paid for a Search; and the sum of 9*s.* only has been received by me since I became Register (now one year and an half) for the Copy of a Declaration.

(6.)—There is not any Person intrusted with the care of said Records, save the Register.

(7.)—There is no Court House for the Administration of Justice, nor is there any Gaol for the Confinement of Debtors; it would be of great utility to the Public if such Places were established. The Court at present is held in a Public House in said Manor.

William Browne,
Register of said Manor Court of Glasnevin.

6th November 1810.

99. REGISTER, LIBERTY ST. THOMAS COURT AND DONORE.

The ANSWERS of George Irwin, REGISTER of the Courts of the Liberty of Saint Thomas Court and Donore, in the City and County of Dublin, to the QUERIES of the Right Honourable the Commissioners of Records.

99. Register, Liberty St. Thomas Court and Donore.

(1.)—I HAVE in my possession Files of Affidavits, Warrants of Attorney, and Precepts, Attachments, Appearances, Bail Pieces, Declarations in Debt and in Assumpsit, Pleas, Venires, Distringases, Issues and Verdicts, from 1807 to the present time; as also, Books of Hearings of Summonses for small Debts under 5*l.*, from the 9th of July 1807 to the present time. I have also, Books of the Proceedings and Presentments of the Grand Juries of said Liberty, for Lighting, Paving, and Cleansing, &c. from the year 1738 to the present time, except from the year 1768 to the year 1769; as also, a Book of Hearings of Summonses for small Debts under 5*l.* from the 4th October 1769 to the 12th of June 1776 inclusive. I have also the Fragments of a Book containing a Calendar of Prisoners returned on each Court Day, commencing the 18th of November 1766, and ending the 14th of June 1769; but I have no other Records of the Proceedings of said Court previous to the period already stated, save a Memorial to register a Lease made of part of said Liberty by the Right Honourable the Earl of Meath, Lord of said Liberties and Manor. But there are in the hands of the Seneschal, at his house in Stephen's Green, an attested Copy of the original Patent, granting said Liberty and Courts to the Ancestor of the Earl of Meath, bearing date the last day of May in the 35th year of the reign of Henry VIII.; and a Decree or Order of the Court of Castle Chamber, made on the 15th day of February 1611, whereby the Sheriffs of Dublin were prohibited from arresting or attaching any Person within said Liberty, except for Felony or Treason. There are also in his hands, Grants by several Inspeximus's to said Court, and Parchment Rolls of the Proceedings therein, from a very early period; but those being in Law-Latin or Norman French, and written in the old Court Hand, I cannot detail their contents more at present. I also understand there are, in the Library of the Earl of Meath, several ancient Records of the same description, one of which his Lordship lately procured to be translated at a very considerable expense, and which contains a succinct History of said Liberty and Court.

(2.)—There being no regular Registry Office in this Liberty, the Books, Records, Rolls, Pleadings, and Registry of Leases, &c. were kept by a Mr. Black, my Predecessor, at his House in Hanbury-lane in the said Liberty. Mr. Black, I am informed, died some time in 1803; and the Insurrection having then, or shortly after, broken out, many of the ancient Records were then, as it is apprehended, lost or destroyed. Upon my appointment

appointment as Register, which took place about a year afterwards, I made strict inquiry and search after them, but without success. I was informed that the Persons who were about Mr. Black at the time of his death, not knowing the value of those things, had sold them to the neighbouring huxters and grocers. I made some inquiry in the neighbourhood on the subject, and received the same information. Some of them, as I am informed (and I hope the most valuable) have, however, been transferred to my Lord Meath's Library; but as I have no access to them, I cannot particularize their nature or contents.

(3.)—The Affidavits, Declarations, &c. since my appointment, are in good Preservation, but unarranged, for want of accommodations, as there is not any Office appropriated to them.

(4.)—There are no Catalogues, Calendars, Schedules, Repertories, or particular Indexes, to any of said Records; nor do I conceive there are any such in existence; but the utility of such must be obvious, as the Practice and Proceedings of the Courts of said Liberty are regulated by ancient usage and custom; and the extent and limit of said Liberty could only be ascertained by a regular Registry of the Leases made to the Tenants of said Liberty and Manor, as had been from time immemorial the custom, but which has been altogether neglected since the death of my Lord Meath's late Agent, Mr. Pearson. If this regulation were revived, it would materially assist in ascertaining the Boundaries and Extent of this Liberty, which, in some instances, are in doubt and uncertainty. It would be actually necessary, as well as satisfactory, to be able to refer to these Precedents and Documents with ease and expedition; and I think, if a proper Office was provided, that I would, with the assistance which would be offered me by Mr. Knox, my Lord Meath's present Agent, and the aid of two intelligent Clerks, arrange the Records, Registry, &c. of said Liberty and Manor, and complete Catalogues and Indexes thereto, in the course of six months.

(5.)—From there not being, as before mentioned, any Register Office, wherein the business of said Liberty could be conducted, I have no Officers or Clerks, whose particular duty it is to keep or arrange said Records. The general duties of a Clerk or Clerks in said Office would be, to assist me in entering Precepts, receiving and filing Affidavits, Declarations, Pleas, &c. drawing Warrants, copying Affidavits and Declarations, entering Rules, issuing Summonses, and enrolling the Tenants' Leases, &c. and making regular Indexes and Catalogues of the same; and if I had a regular Office for those purposes, it would be necessary, for the benefit of the Public, that there should be a regular attendance therein for about five hours each day. The Fees demandable for any Search, and the attendance therein, as well as for the Copies of such Search, depend upon the length of time for which the Search is made, the trouble therein, the length of the Copy of the Proceedings required, and the stamp duty thereon, subject to the approval of the Seneschal for the time being.

(6.)—I am the Person intrusted with the care of the Records (except as before mentioned) and have always attended; and, with Assistants, when requisite, made any Searches required; but, for the reasons contained in the Answer to the last Quere, there cannot be, under existing circumstances, any regulation for the effecting the purposes in this Quere mentioned.

(7.)—I have nothing to suggest in Answer to this Quere, in addition to what is stated in my Answers to the 4th and 5th Queries.

George Irwin.

24th March 1811.

100. REGISTER, LIBERTIES OF KILMAINHAM.

The ANSWERS of Leonard M'Nally Junior, REGISTER of the Court of the Liberties of Kilmainham, in the City and County of Dublin and Barony of New Castle, to the QUERIES of the Right Honourable the Commissioners of Records in Ireland.

(1.)—I HAVE in my possession an attested Copy of the Charter of the Liberties of Kilmainham, from King John to the Knights Templars established at Kilmainham; as also Books of Hearings of Summonses for Small Debts from the year 1779 to the year 1782, which Books refer to several others long before lost, particularly to one Book of the year 1747, stating the names and number of Attornies who practised in the Court at that period. I have no other Records previous thereto; but I have reason to believe there were several, which were either lost or mislaid during the period that Mathew Dowling (who had the custody of them previous to my predecessor Mr. Godfrey James) was Register. But I have in my possession Files of Affidavits, Warrants of Attorney, Attachments, Appearances, Bail Pieces, Declarations in Debt and Assumpsit, Pleas, Venires, Distringases, Issues and Verdicts, from the year 1805 to the present time; and also Books of Hearings of Summonses for Small Debts under 5*l.* from that period.

(2.)—The Records of the said Court, so far as I have before stated, to the present time, are lodged with me as Register, in my private Office, (and not in a public Building,) which I consider sufficiently commodious for their safe keeping.

(3.)—The Affidavits, Declarations, and other Proceedings, since my appointment, are in good Preservation, and arranged together according to their dates and the names of the Cases.

(4.)—There are at present no general Catalogues, Calendars, Schedules, Repertories or particular Indexes; no doubt a considerable degree of utility would result from such regularity; and such could be completed in the

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course of a month, in which no extraordinary assistance would be necessary. I have not as yet ascertained whether any such Catalogues, &c. are known to exist any where, and therefore I cannot specify any place where, or Person in whose hands, any such are, or whether they are public or private property.

(5.)—I have no particular Office, or Clerk employed for the custody or arrangement of the Records in my Office; but the general duty of a Clerk would be to assist me in receiving and filing Affidavits, and regulating and issuing Copies of the subsequent proceedings. I have no particular days or hours appropriated specifically to attendance for that purpose, the Public having, at all seasonable times, a claim on my attention. The Fees demandable depend upon the nature of the Search, the length of the Copies, and the Stamp Duties, subject to the approval of the Seneschal.

(6.)—I am the Person specially intrusted with the care of the Records, and whose duty it is to attend upon every Search, and to take care that every Record, &c. be duly and fairly restored to its proper place; and I am regularly appointed and denominated Register of the Liberties of Kilmainham.

(7.)—There are not any Matters not comprised in the preceding Questions, on which it is necessary or expedient to observe, for rendering the use of the said Records, &c. more convenient to the Public.

Leonard M'Nally, Junior,
Register Liberties Kilmainham.

(3.) ULSTER.

CUSTODES ROTULORUM AND ASSISTANT BARRISTERS,

Having generally sent in either a reference to, or a transcript of, the Return made by the Clerk of the Peace of their respective Counties, the Returns of the Custodes Rotulorum and Assistant Barristers have therefore been in most instances omitted.

(1.) *Antrim.*

101. PEACE CLERK.

The Answer of Neal M'Peake, Gentleman, Clerk of the Peace for the County of Antrim, to the Queries proposed to him by the Right Honourable the Commissioners on the Public Records in Ireland.

101. Peace Clerk, Antrim.

(1.)—AT the time of my appointment to said Office, which was in the year 1802, the following Records and Papers were handed to me by my predecessor in office, Mr. Samuel Heron, and his Deputy Mr. Samuel Tucker, and are now remaining in the Clerk of the Peace's Office, as the Records of the County, and continued to the present time.

Class the First:—Set the First; consists of the old Freehold Registry Books, commencing in the year 1746, containing the names of Freeholders and situations of Freeholds till 1757, which is the oldest Record in the Office, and the File of Affidavits relating thereto, commencing in 1761 till the year 1795.—Set the Second; consists of the County Freehold Registry Book, the Treasurer's Book, two Baronial and twelve Half Baronial Books, commencing in the year 1795, and ending in 1805; containing the Entries alphabetically and numerically arranged of the Freehold Registries during said time, as directed by the Act of the 35 George III.; and two Baronial and twelve Half Baronial Files of the Rolls of Affidavits relating thereto during said period.—Set the Third; consists of the like set of Books, Rolls and Files, from 1805, with the like Entries, as directed by the Act of the 45 George III. and regularly continued till the present time.—Set the Fourth; consists of the Book of Entries of Catholic Qualifications, from the year 1796 till the present time, and the Rolls of such Qualifications, from the year 1802 till the present time.

Class the Second:—Consists of the Registry Book of the Borough of Lisburn, commencing in the year 1793, and continued till the present time, containing the Affidavits and alphabetical Entries of the Registries of the Inhabitants of said Borough during said period.—N.B. The Books of the Registries of the Boroughs of Antrim and Randalstown were formerly kept in this Office, but have been discontinued since the Act of Union.

Class the Third:—Set the First; consists of the old Planting Registry Book, commencing in 1767, and contains the Entries of Certificates only till 1786, when the Affidavits of Planting commenced, and are regularly entered therein till the present time.—Set the Second; consists of the Roll of Affidavits relating thereto, which are kept on a File for that purpose.

Class the Fourth:—Set the First; consists of the Roll of Informations returned to the General Quarter Sessions, and the Bills of Indictment thereon (for Assaults, Petit Larceny, Forcible Possession, and divers Misdemeanors against the Peace, &c. committed in said County) commencing in the year 1788, and continued to the present time.—Set the Second; consists of the Rolls of Recognizances to appear at Sessions, and for keeping the Peace and good behaviour, &c.—Set the third; consists of the Rolls of Affidavits, Issues and

Verdicts, relating to such of said Indictments as have been tried at Quarter Sessions.—Set the Fourth; consists of the Quarter Sessions Crown Books, commencing in 1792, and continued to the present time, (one for the Justices and a Duplicate for the Clerk of the Peace,) wherein all such of said Indictments as have been tried are entered, together with the Verdicts and Sentences of the Court passed thereon, and also such Fines and Recognizances as were imposed and forfeited to the King, and estreated into the Exchequer; and in the same Books, or one of them, are Entries of all Adjournments of the General Quarter Sessions, for the purpose of registering Freeholders during said time.

Class the Fifth:—Set the First; consists of the Civil Bill Books, commencing in 1796, and continued till the present time; wherein the Entries are made of all such Civil Bill Process as have been tried before the Assistant Barrister for said County at General Quarter Sessions, together with his Decrees thereon.—Set the Second; consists of the Roll of Affidavits of all such of said Decrees as have been renewed at Quarter Sessions during said period; together with the Book of the Entry thereof, called the Renewal Book.

Class the Sixth:—Set the First; consists of the Roll of Affidavits and Notifications of Persons requiring Licences at Quarter Sessions to keep Arms and Forges, from 1799 till the present time.—Set the Second; consists of two Baronial and twelve Half Baronial Books of the Entries of all such Licences.

Class the Seventh:—Set the First; consists of the Roll of the Oath and Qualifications of the Deputy Governors, and such of the Officers as have been qualified for Commissions in the Antrim Regiment of Militia, from the year 1793 till the present time.—Set the Second; consists of the File of Qualifications of Property, &c. sent to the Office by the Deputy Governors and Officers of the Antrim Regiment during said period.—Set the Third; consists of the Files of the Returns of the High Constables, of the Names of Persons to be balloted for to serve in the Antrim Regiment of Militia, from the year 1802 till the present time.

Class the Eighth:—Set the First; consists of the yearly Special Sessions' Book of the Entries of the Names of Persons approved of by the Justices at Special Sessions to retail Spirituous Liquors, &c. in said County, from the year 1795 to the present time.—Set the Third; consists of the Rolls of the Bonds of such of said Retailers as took out Licences for said purpose.

Class the Ninth:—Consists of the different Acts of Parliament forwarded to the Clerk of the Peace for the use of the Office, from the year 1800 till the present time; they are however very incomplete, not being regularly forwarded, and many Sets wanting.

(2.)—The Records aforesaid are lodged in a well-secured Office, kept for the purpose, in the Dwelling-house of Neal M'Peake, Esquire, one of the Justices of the Peace for said County, at Ballymena in the said County.

(3.)—The said Records are in a very good state of Preservation; and are severally arranged in the Classes and Sets, set forth in my Answer to the First Quere, and kept so arranged in a large press made for the purpose.

(4.)—There are no Catalogues, Calendars or Schedules, &c. relating to said Records, other than what are contained in the Books hereinbefore set forth; nor do I think there would be any material degree of utility resulting from any general, further or other Catalogue, Calendar, Schedule, &c. being made.

(5.)—I have had employed, ever since I came into office, a Person who acts as my Deputy in the Office, and has the charge of all the said Records, and whose duty is to attend the General Quarter Sessions, Freehold Registry Sessions and Special Sessions, therewith, throughout the year, and to perform the several duties attendant on the Office at said several Sessions, and at the end of each Session to arrange and restore them to their proper places aforesaid; and I occasionally assist and superintend my said Deputy in performing said duty. I have also a Clerk employed for the purpose of assisting my said Deputy in making the necessary Entries, making out the Lists and Schedules, and posting all said Books; which I also assist and superintend. There is not any annual Salary allowed or Emolument paid by the Public, either to my said Deputy or Clerk, for or in respect of the safe custody and proper arrangement of said Records. The Fees demandable for any Search, are; 1*s.* 8*d.*:—Copy of any Record, 1*s.* 8*d.*:—Any Certificate, 1*s.* 8*d.* And the net annual amount of such Fees, averaged by the produce of the last three years, does not exceed Thirty Shillings.

(6.)—My said Deputy, who is duly qualified by law, is specially intrusted with the care of said Records. It is his duty, as before stated, to attend therewith at every Sessions, and to attend upon and make any Search; and he is particularly charged with the care of having every Record duly and fairly restored to its proper place; and the Name of his Office is, Deputy and Acting Clerk of the Peace for the County of Antrim.

(7.)—It would greatly tend to the convenience of the Office, and of the Public, to have public Offices at each of the Sessions Towns in the County; namely, Antrim, Ballymoney, Ballymena, and Carrickfergus, for the safe keeping of the Records belonging to the respective districts, and in particular at Carrickfergus, being the Assizes Town.

All which I certify, this 1st day of December 1810.

Neal M'Peake, Junior,
Clerk of the Peace County of Antrim.

APPENDIX.

Ulster Province: Antrim.

102. Town Clerk of Belfast.

102. TOWN CLERK OF BELFAST.

SIR, Belfast, 9th of January 1811.

IN reply to your favour of 18th ultimo, I have to state, that the Books recording the public business of the Town, are in the custody of William Fox, Esquire, who will not give them up; he is Town Major; and he says that he purchased the same along with the printed Books belonging to the late William Atkinson, who preceded me in the Office of Town Clerk. Perhaps an Order from your Office might induce him to give them up. My Father and Grandfather held said Employment for a century past, except the period of a few years that Mr. Atkinson got it, which was during my minority; and the Office was always kept in the Dwelling-house of the Town Clerk. There is no Salary annexed to the Office; and the Fees for signing and sealing Powers of Attorney do not in any year exceed 5*l.* frequently not so much. There has been no Registry kept for the last ten years or more; but, as Mr. Fox has the original Book, cannot say to what period it comes down, or what are its contents; but it is the same that was begun in my Grandfather's time, and continued down.

I have the honour to be, with the greatest respect, &c. &c. &c.

To Wm Shaw Mason, Esquire, &c. &c. &c.

William Byrt,
Town Clerk.

103. TOWN CLERK OF CARRICKFERGUS.

103. Town Clerk of Carrick-fergus.

SIR, Carrickfergus, 19th October 1810.

I RECEIVED yours of the 18th ultimo, on yesterday: In answer to which I have to state, that the Records of this Corporation, such as Deeds and Counter Parts of Leases, are all kept in what we call the Town Chest, which is always in the possession of the Mayor for the time being; said Chest has three Locks, and a Key kept for each Lock by three Aldermen, viz. Sir William Kirk, H. C. Ellis, and E. D. Wilson, Esquires. Said Chest has been opened only twice since I came into office, (which is a period of nearly four years) for which no Fees were either asked or given, only one guinea to my Deputy, for copying a Roll of nearly eight hundred Freemen, by H. C. Ellis, Esquire. The Book, which contains a List of the Aldermen, Burgesses, &c. (which is what we call the Assembly Book) with all the transactions of said Assembly, is also lodged with the Mayor. The Quarter Sessions Indictment Book is in the hands of Mr. Adams Cunningham, who has acted as my Deputy for some time. The Fees are taken agreeably to a late Act of Parliament. The Mayor's Court Book, with all the Pleadings, are likewise kept by my Deputy. The Fees are regulated by the Mayor and Recorder, which are generally from fifteen to Twenty Shillings for each Action, of which there have only fourteen come to trial since I came into office. There are also three Rolls of Freemen, and two Lists of late made Freemen, ingrossed on the proper Stamps (the Fees for the admission of each were settled by the Court, at three shillings and three pence); with a Registry of Freeholders, Trees, Arms, and Catholic Qualification Oaths, (the Fees of each as settled by Act of Parliament) in my Deputy's hands. The Fees for the admission of Aldermen or Burgesses, are left to their own discretion. My Salary is settled by the Assembly, at 7*l.* 10*s.* annually. There is no Public Office or Building belonging to this Corporation, for keeping of Records. The Mayor's Courts are held on Mondays and Fridays, and the Sessions on Sessions' Week. Attendance is given at any time, for issuing Summonses or Attachments, &c. If any further information is wanted, please to let me know.

I have the honour to be, Honoured Sir, &c. &c. &c.

To Wm Shaw Mason, Esquire, &c. &c. &c.

R. M'Gowan,
Town Clerk Carrickfergus.

(2.) *Armagh.*

104. PEACE CLERK.

ANSWERS of the CLERK OF THE PEACE County Armagh, to the QUERIES directed by the Commissioners on the Public Records.

104. Peace Clerk, Armagh.

(1.)—EXAMINATIONS, Indictments, and Recognizances; Freeholders and Borough Affidavits; Affidavits of Renewals of Decrees; Affidavits of registering Arms, and Trees; the Rolls of Catholics who qualify, which are generally sent annually to the Rolls Office in Dublin; attested Copies of the different Grants of Manors; the different Acts of the Imperial Parliament; Registry Books of the Freeholders of the County, and Baronial Books of each Registry; Books containing the Proceedings of each Quarter Sessions in the Crown Side, and Books of the Proceedings in the Civil Side; Books for the registering Arms, and Trees planted; Books of Entries of Bills of Indictments found by the Grand Jury; and Books containing the Entry of all Publicans who enter into Bail for Licences, and their Bail Bonds; and the different Commissions of the Justices of the Peace. I have all the Records for these fifty years past in the foregoing Account, except such as relate to the commencement of the Civil Bill Act, registering Arms, and Spirit Retailers; and there is no chasm or deficiency in the series of the different Records.

(2.)—The Records are at present lodged in my own House, in a large room flagged with stone, and no fire-place, only a removable stove in the rooms. But the County has built a new Court-house, and allotted a Room for the Records, on the second floor, under the Grand Jury Room, and over the kitchen of the Grand Jury: there are no apartments for me or my Clerk, and therefore cannot be answerable for them.

(3.)—The

(3.)—The Records are all in good Preservation, and arranged in alphabetical order.

(4.)—There are no Catalogues, Calendars, Schedules, Repertories, or particular Indexes; and I do not think there would be any utility in completing same; inasmuch as the Books are all in alphabetical order. My Answers to the remaining part of this Quere may be inferred from the foregoing.

(5.)—One Clerk constantly attends the custody and arrangement of the Records, makes all Entries in the different Books of Registries, regulates the different Indictments according to each Session, makes Copies of the Freeholders' Registry for the Treasurer of the County. There are two Clerks frequently attending in my Office; and when an Election for Representatives of the County takes place, I always employ three, four, or five Clerks. I pay one Clerk annually Thirty Guineas, and the other Clerks in proportion to the business done. I do not know of any Emoluments paid to them by the Public. The Fee for each Search in the Crown Side is 20*d.* and the Certificate or Copy of the Record is charged according to the length; the annual Amount of which, for the last three years, does not exceed Two Pounds.

(6.)—My Clerk (who is my Deputy) is specially intrusted with the care of the Records, and attends to each Search, and to restore each Record to its proper situation.

(7.)—My Answer to this Quere is contained in the foregoing.

Robert M'Kinstry,
Clerk of the Peace, County of Armagh.

105. REGISTER, BOROUGH OF ARMAGH.

To the Right Honourable the Commissioners on Public Records in Ireland.—ANSWERS to QUERIES sent by said Commissioners to the REGISTER of the Corporation of Armagh.

(1.)—THE several sorts of Records kept by the Corporation Register of Armagh, are; The Acts and Laws enacted within said Corporation for the government thereof; the Appointments of the different Officers belonging to said Corporation; the Elections and Returns of Members to serve in Parliament for the Borough; the Elections of Burgesses and Sovereigns; Records of all Corporation Taxes laid on within said Borough, and how the same are applied; and the Roll of Oaths taken by the Members and Officers of said Corporation. There is one Manuscript Book for the Sovereign and Burgesses, in which are entered the Acts, Elections of Members to serve in Parliament, also of Sovereigns and Burgesses; the Records entered therein commence 24th June 1738. There is one other Record Book for the Corporation Jury, in which are entered the Acts of the said Jury, Appointments of the several Officers, and Overseers of the different Markets within said Borough, and all Corporation Taxes, and how the same are applied; the Entries in said Book commence the 11th November 1776. There does not seem to be any deficiency in said Records since the above dates, to the present period; the Register did not receive any Books or Records from the Administrators of his Predecessor, of prior date to said periods.

(2.)—Said Records are kept in the Register's Dwelling-house, which is subject to the same accidents as other private dwelling-houses.

(3.)—Said Records are in a good state of Preservation; they are not any way particularly arranged, further than already stated.

(4.)—There are no Catalogues, Calendars, Schedules, Repertories, or Indexes, to each sort of Records. Cannot say what degree of utility might result from the same being completed; which might be done by one Clerk in the course of a year, or thereabouts. Cannot say where such Catalogues or Indexes are, or if any such ever did exist.

(5.)—There are no Officers or Clerks employed for the custody or arrangement of the Records, except the Register, who always attends when required or necessary, as there are no particular Office days or hours: The only annual Salary paid for the same is Five Pounds to the Register. There is no Table of Fees for Searches, Certificates, or Copies of Records, or Attendances therewith; nor is there any such Fee paid in said Office.

(6.)—There is not any Person intrusted with the care of said Records, except said Register, who takes care that every Record is duly and fairly restored to its proper place.

(7.)—There is not any thing occurs to the Register of said Corporation, for rendering said Records more useful, other than already mentioned.

Hugh M'Master,
Register of the Corporation of Armagh.

Armagh, October 21, 1810.

106. PORTRIEVE OF CHARLEMONT.

To the Right Honourable the Commissioners on the Public Records in Ireland;—The ANSWER of ROBERT LIVINGSTON, Esquire, to QUERIES of the 18th September 1810.

(1.)—THE only Records in my custody are entered in a Book mentioning the meeting of the Portrieve and Burgesses of the Borough or Corporation of Charlemont, on every 24th day of June and 29th of September; which meeting, on the 24th day of June, is generally for the purpose of electing a Portrieve, and

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on the 29th day of September, to swear the Portrieve Elect into Office; and also, recording the Election or Return of Burgesses to represent said Borough in Parliament, so often as Writs issued for that purpose. Nothing of this kind has happened since the Union.

The other QUERIES, I conceive, are answered by informing your Lordships, that all the Houses and Buildings in said Borough, and a quantity of Land adjoining thereto, belong to Government, who pull down and build thereon as they think fit; and they, or the Governor of the Fort of Charlemont, take the Rents, Issues and Profits thereof; therefore the Portrieve and Burgesses have no House nor Buildings therein, and very little to do since the Union; of course, no Clerks whatever.

I am your Lordships' most obedient humble Servant,

Robert Livingston.

(3.) *Cavan.*

107. PEACE CLERK AND REGISTER OF ASSISTANT BARRISTER.

To the Right Honourable the Commissioners on Public Records in Ireland.

The ANSWER of the CLERK OF THE PEACE and REGISTER of the Assistant Barrister for the County of Cavan, to the QUERIES relating to the Public Records in Ireland.

107. Peace Clerk and Register of Assistant Barrister, Cavan.

(1.)—THE Records in my Office are, Examinations and Indictments, from the year 1750; Affidavits of Freeholds, and Registry Books of Freeholders, from the year 1780; Civil Bill Books, and Affidavits made on renewal of Session Decrees; also, Affidavits of Persons registering Trees planted on their Farms within the County.

(2.)—The above mentioned Records are kept in a Press, and lodged in an Office provided by the County, in the Town of Cavan.

(3.)—The said Records are in a safe good state, and arranged in the following manner:—The Examinations, Indictments, &c. of each Session, are tied up in separate Bundles, and indorsed so; the Affidavits of Freeholders are on separate Barony Files, in alphabetical order; and the Civil Bill Books and Renewal Affidavits, indorsed and tied up in separate years.

(4.)—To this Quere no Answer is necessary from my Office.

(5.)—As Clerk of the Peace, and Register to the Assistant Barrister, I regulate and arrange the Records and other Documents in my Office; for which duty there is not any payment. When a Search is required, I make same in person, and charge 1 *s.* 8 *d.* for same.

(6.)—Is contained in the last Answer.

John Mayne,
C. P. & R.

6th November 1810.

108. RECORDER OF CAVAN.

108. Recorder of Cavan.

SIR, Cavan, 14th January 1811.

IN Answer to your Letter of the 18th September 1810, containing seven Queries respecting the Public Records of Cavan, I am to inform you, that since I had the honour of being appointed Deputy Recorder of Cavan, no Papers or other Documents, or any other Information whatever, respecting the Corporation of Cavan, has come within my possession or knowledge, as no business in that line has been transacted in Cavan in my time.

I have the honour to be, &c.

Thomas Bligh.

To Wm Shaw Mason, Esquire,
&c. &c. &c

(4.) *Down.*

109. PEACE CLERK

109. Peace Clerk, Down.

SIR, 23d November 1810.

YOUR favour of the 18th September last only reached me the 21st October; and owing to a severe indisposition, I have been prevented sooner replying to it. I now, however, have the honour of transmitting you, for the information of the Right Honourable the Commissioners on the Public Records in Ireland, an Answer to the several Queries sent to me respecting my Office of Clerk of the Peace for the County of Down. I beg leave, at the same time, to state, that I only succeeded to the Office on the 9th day of July last, my Predecessor, Mr. Richard Keown, having been in office till that time; and that many of the Records were then handed me, in a very confused, irregular and disorderly state.

I have the honour to be, Sir, &c.

John Craig,
Clerk of the Peace for the County Down.

Wm Shaw Mason, Esquire,
&c. &c. &c.

(1.)—The several Records kept in my Office are as follow; viz. The Affidavits of the Registry of the Freeholders of the County, with a General County Book, wherein the substance of every such Affidavit is entered alphabetically, according to the Surnames of the Persons registered, together with a Book for each

Barony in the County, wherein the like Entries are also made; the Registry Books of the Boroughs of Downpatrick and Newry; the Poll Books of the Elections held in and for the County of Down, in the years 1783, 1790, and 1805; Registries of Arms, with a Book for each Barony, in which they are alphabetically entered; Registries of Blacksmiths, with a Book for each Barony, in which like Entries are made; Registries of Trees, with a Book in which the same are alphabetically arranged, according to the name of the Lands in which they are planted; Registries of Bakers, with a Book in which they are alphabetically arranged; Rolls of Qualification; Abstracts of Manor Court Patents; Informations, and Bills of Indictments found thereon; Recognizances to answer; Recognizances to keep the Peace; Civil Bill Books, ruled before the Judges of Assize; Civil Bill Books, ruled before the Assistant Barrister at the several Sessions; Affidavits for Renewals of Decrees; Crown Books; Certificates of Qualifications of Militia Officers, and of Deputy Governors of the County, together with Rolls on which the same are entered; some Commissions in the Militia in the year 1793; some Sub-divisional Clerks Returns and Regimental Returns; Magistrates' Certificates of Persons being fit to be intrusted with the sale by retail of Spirituous Liquors, &c. and Bonds entered into by such Persons previously to obtaining their Licences.

(2.)—The said Records are kept in an Office attached to the County Court-House, which belongs to the County. It is secure (as I conceive) from any outward attack, but is very damp; so much so, that I fear many of the Records, particularly the Affidavits of Registries of Freeholders, may be injured, if not destroyed. It would require several Presses and Shelves for the keeping of the several Records, there being only one Press now in it, which is not near large enough to contain them; and the Desks would also require to be altered; and one of the Windows might be shut up, and a Press or Presses put against it.

(3.)—Some of the Records (as appears to me) are destroyed, or lost or mislaid, and were so before I came into office; viz. Some Affidavits of Registries of the County, and of the Boroughs of Down and Newry; some of the Civil Bill Books, ruled before the Judges of Assize; some Crown Books, and some Certificates and Bonds of Spirit Retailers. All the Records in my Office of the same kind are kept separate and apart from others of different kinds, though not so much so as could be wished, from the reasons given in my Answer to Quere 2d.

(4.)—There are not any Catalogues, Calendars, Schedules, Repertories or Indexes, in my Office, save those mentioned in my Answer to Quere 1st; nor do I conceive any others requisite.

(5.)—I keep one Clerk always employed to take care of the Records, and to arrange them in proper order, and am often obliged to employ two for the purpose; those Clerks I keep at my own expense, not being allowed any thing by the Public for Clerks. I keep my Office open from nine in the morning till nine at night, save the time my Clerks are at dinner. They have not any Fees for Searches, Certificates, or Copies of Records. I myself charge and take the Fees allowed by Law in such cases; viz. for each Search in Crown Business 1*s.* 8*d.*; and for each Certificate 3*s.* 4*d.*; for a Search for Registry of Trees 6*d.*; and for a Copy of the Registry of Freeholders, at the rate of 3*d.* for every hundred; and for Copies of Borough Registries 2*d.* for every four Inhabitants, including the Index, and 1*d.* for every ten names included in the Index, if Copies of Registries be not demanded. The Fees, however, for copying the Registries of Freeholders and of Inhabitants of Boroughs, are totally inadequate to pay the expenses thereof. A Clerk, at the rate allowed for copying Freeholders Registries, could earn about 6*d.* in the day, out of which Stationery, Fire and Candles are to be deducted; so that for every hundred Registries it costs me about 2*s.* 6*d.* more than I am allowed; and the Borough Registries are in the same proportion. In fact, each Copy of the Freeholders Registries costs me out of pocket, about 30*l.*; three Copies of which I have been called on for since my commencement in office; and each Copy of Borough Registries costs me out of pocket about 5*l.* As to what the net annual Amount of Fees, upon the average of the last three years, is, I cannot say, having been only in office since the 9th day of July last.

(6.)—I am the only Person intrusted with the care of said Records, and am obliged myself, or by deputy, to attend upon all Searches, and to take care of every Record in every respect.

(7.)—It does not occur to me that there are any Matters, not comprised in the preceding Questions, which it is necessary or expedient to observe, for rendering the use of the said Records more convenient to the Public.

John Craig,
Clerk of the Peace for the County of Down.

110. SOVEREIGN OF HILLSBOROUGH.

SIR, Hillsborough, January 28th, 1811.

I RECEIVED your Letter enclosing QUERIES as to Public Records, Rolls, &c. &c. &c. which were supposed to be in my care, as Sovereign of Hillsborough; in ANSWER to which I can only inform you, that I never had any, or knew of any, belonging to the Corporation. Soon after the Union, our Book, containing the Records of our Elections, &c. was sent up to Dublin, I believe, for the purpose of being shewn to the Commissioners for making Compensation for disfranchised Boroughs, and has not been returned.

I am, Sir, &c. &c. &c.

G. Atkinson,
Sovereign of Hillsborough.

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Ulster Province: Down.

111. Coroner of Dromore.

111. CORONER OF DROMORE.

ANSWER to all the QUERIES:—I have not acted as Coroner during the last Twenty Years, nor has any other Person, in the Manor of Dromore. The Coroners make Return, to the Assize and Superior Courts, of the Inquisitions.

Crane Brush.

(5.) *Donegal.*

112. PEACE CLERK.

Full and distinct ANSWERS to the QUERIES directed by the Commissioners on the Public Records in Ireland, pursuant to their Letter of 18th September 1810.

112. Peace Clerk, Donegal.

(1.)—BOOKS in my custody, containing a General Registry of the Freeholders in said County, in Manuscript, with Books containing a separation of the same into the several Baronies in the County to which they respectively belong; together with Files of the Affidavits of the several Freeholders, upon which their Registry is grounded, from the year 1795 up to the year 1810 inclusively, in which there are no chasms or deficiencies.—A Book in Manuscript, containing the number of Roman Catholics in said County, qualified as Freeholders, under 33d Geo. III. from the year 1808 up to the year 1810 inclusive; the Rolls containing the Roman Catholic Qualification Oath, and the names of such as qualify at each Sessions of the Peace, and from which the foregoing Book is extracted, remain in my custody previously to my lodging them in the Rolls Office in Dublin once a year.—A Book in Manuscript, containing a Registry of Timber Trees on several Gentlemen's Plantations in the County, from the year 1772 up to the year 1809 inclusive, with the Files of the Affidavits thereof required by Law.—A Book containing a Registry of Fire Arms, with Files of Affidavits of the several Persons who have registered the same, from the year 1796 up to the year 1797 inclusive; in all which there are no chasms or deficiencies.—A Roll for the Qualification of Officers to serve under the Militia Act, from the year 1793 up to the year 1795 inclusive.—Crown and Civil Bill Books, and the usual Affidavits, Examinations, Recognizances, Indictments, &c. thereunto belonging, of the several Quarter Sessions of the Peace, from the year 1798 up to the year 1810; in which there are no chasms or deficiencies.—Books used for taking the Poll at several Elections for Knights of the Shire, sealed up by the different Sheriffs, are intrusted to my care; to the contents of which I have no access.

(2.)—The foregoing Records are lodged in an Office appointed for the Clerk of the Peace; it is the property of a private family in Lifford, the annual Rent of which is paid at the expense of the County; it is commodious, and in good condition for holding them, and secured by a good lock and key.

(3.)—The Records are in a good state of Preservation. Freeholders Affidavits are arranged in alphabetical order; and the qualified Roman Catholic, Crown, and Civil Bill Books, arranged in Sessions, as they succeed each other.

(4.)—The Catalogues, Calendars, Schedules, &c. are in general complete, save that additions are daily making thereto. The Books containing the Registry of Freeholders (which is the most extensive class of Records in my Office) have a marginal Alphabetical Index, which answers every purpose belonging thereto; nor do I know of any Catalogue or Index, whether of public or private property, that might be otherwise useful in my Office.

(5.)—The Office of Clerk of the Peace is held by me, jointly with a Mr. Mackie; we do the business with the assistance of one Clerk, whom we pay at our own expense, in proportion to the weight of business that occurs; his general duty is to attend to the entering and arranging of the Public Records; he usually attends from nine o'clock till three every day (Sundays excepted;) he has no Salary, Emolument, or Allowance whatever, from the Public, so that I cannot state an account thereof for the last three years. There is no other Fee required for Searches through the Records, or Certificates thereof, but those specified and allowed in a Table of Fees by 49th Geo. III. chap. 101.

(6.)—The Clerk under my own inspection is specially intrusted with the care of the Records, attends to every Search that may be required of him, and restores every Record to its proper place.

(7.)—There is no Matter, not comprised in the preceding Questions (respecting myself), that I think necessary or expedient to observe, for rendering the use of the said Records, &c. more convenient to the Public.

Lifford, 30th October 1810.

Thomas Young,
A. Clerk of the Peace, Co. Donegal.

(6.) *Fermanagh.*

113. PEACE CLERK.

ANSWERS to the QUERIES directed by the Commissioners on the Public Records in Ireland, by the CLERK of the PEACE for the County of Fermanagh.

113. Peace Clerk, Fermanagh.

(1.)—THE Public Records in the custody of the Clerk of the Peace for the County of Fermanagh, are the Informations, Recognizances, Bills of Indictment, Affidavits of the Registry of Freeholders, Affidavits of the Registry of Arms, Affidavits of the Registry of Bakers, Affidavits of the Registry of Trees under the Timber

Timber Act, and Returns made under the Militia Laws; and for the last two years all Bonds entered into by persons entitling them to a Licence under the Spirit Licence Act, have been lodged in the Clerk of the Peace's Office; these several Records are regularly brought down since the year 1780, at which time the Office wherein the Records were then kept was consumed by fire, together with said Records.

(2.)—The Clerk of the Peace's Office is now kept in a Public Office in the Court House of Enniskillen; the accommodation is very good, and when any Repairs are necessary, the Grand Jury present for them.

(3.)—The Records are in a very good state of Preservation; and severally arranged according to the directions prescribed by the several Acts of Parliament relating thereto.

(4.)—This is answered by the Answer to the foregoing Quere.

(5.)—There is only one Officer allowed to do the duties of the Office, at the annual Salary of Twenty Pounds; in addition to which he is entitled, by the several Acts of Parliament, to certain Fees therein mentioned, according to the several duties imposed on him by said Acts; but it is impossible to make out any Return what the produce thereof has been for the last three years, there not having been any Account kept thereof. There are no particular days or hours of attendance in the Clerk of the Peace's Office, except at the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, or Sessions for the registering of Freeholders, or other public Meetings, when the Clerk of the Peace's attendance is necessary; but he regularly attends at the Office on every Thursday (it being the market-day of Enniskillen), and at all other times when called upon.

(6.)—The Clerk of the Peace is the only Person intrusted with the care of the Records.

(7.)—This is answered in the Answer to Quere N° 5.

(8.)—No alterations have taken place in the contents, arrangement, or condition of the Clerk of the Peace's Office, respecting the said Records, for a length of time; nor has he heard that there has been any Parliamentary inquiry hitherto made relating thereto.

(9.)—I am of opinion that the Records are in such a state, that they do not want any further arrangement, inasmuch as the Clerk of the Peace can, in a very short time, produce any Record or other Paper that is in his Office.

114. TOWN-CLERK OF ENNISKILLEN.

ANSWERS to the several QUERIES directed by the Commissioners on the Public Records of Ireland, to be answered by the TOWN CLERK of Enniskillen.

(1.)—I HAVE Books, stating the Resolutions of the Corporation, enacting Bye-Laws, and appointing the Provost every 24th day of June, and swearing him into Office on the 29th day of September following, and also appointing a Mace-bearer and Two Town Serjeants; also the Charter granted to the Corporation in the year 1612, by King James the First. The above-mentioned Books, &c. go as far back as the year 1706; cannot state the cause of the deficiency prior to that date.

(2.)—The old Town Hall having been thrown down, and a new one not yet completely finished, the Books and Charter are kept in the Provost's House; and the Court for the Recovery of Small Debts not exceeding 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* is held in the Town Hall.

(3.)—The said Records are in a good condition, and the Books numbered 1, 2, 3.

(4.)—There are not correct Catalogues or Schedules to each Book. I know of no other Record, belonging to the Corporation, in possession of any person, save the original Charter that remains in the Rolls Office Dublin.

(5.)—There are neither Officers or Clerks employed in my Office; I attend in person. The Fees demanded for every Search, Copy, Certificate, &c. &c. 2*s.* 8½*d.* each; Amount of Fees received for Searches, &c. for last year, 5*s.* 5*d.*; same for last three years (including the above sum) 5*s.* 5*d.* I attend the Office for Searches, and to hold Courts when required.

(6.)—I do not know of any.

Thomas Whitten,
Recorder and Town Clerk of Enniskillen.

(7.) *Londonderry.*

115. PEACE CLERK.

(1.)—AFFIDAVITS of Registry of Freeholders, from the commencement of the Registry Act up to the present period.—General Registry Books for like period.—Baronial Books for like period.—Roman Catholic Qualification Roll, from 1793 to the present period.—Book of Presentments, formerly used by the Quarter Session Grand Juries, from the year 1717 to 1773; which practice was then, and has been ever since, disused, same being done at the Assizes.—Book used for entering Names of different Grand Juries, from the year 1717 to the present period.—Book of Entries of Indictments at Sessions for Breaches of the Peace, from 1760 down to the present period.—Book of Ditto, used by Clerk of the Peace, for like period.—Bills of Indictments upon Examinations, for like period.—Recognizances, for like period.—Affidavits of Registry of Trees, from the commencement of the Registry Act of the 6th George III. to present period.—Book of Ditto, for like

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period.—Civil Bill Books, from the year 1796 (the commencement of Barristers Act) down to the present period.—Affidavits of Renewals of Decrees, for like period.—Recognizances, on Appeals from Barristers' Decrees, for like period.—Certificates of Magistrates, for Persons qualified to take out Licences for retailing Spirits, from 1796 to the present period.—Bonds of Publicans, for the like period.—Affidavits of Persons qualified to register Arms, from 1796 to the present period.—Notices of Qualifications of Officers in Militia, from 1793 to the present period.—Commissions of the Peace, from 1779 to the present period.

(2.)—The Records are lodged in an Office in my Dwelling-house, and are perfectly secure; the Building is private property.

(3.)—The Records are in good Preservation; and are arranged so as to be referred to immediately.

(4.)—Such part of the Records as requires alphabetical arrangement is already done; the principal Records in which such arrangement is absolutely necessary, are the Registry Affidavits of Freeholders, and the general and baronial Registry Books, which are all alphabetically arranged, and numbered up to the date hereof. There does not appear to me to be any further Catalogues or Indexes necessary.

(5.)—I keep one Clerk, who with myself attends to the keeping and arrangement of the Records; his general duty is to make Entries under my inspection and direction; both myself and Clerk attend regularly at the Office from ten o'clock in the Morning until nine at Night, excepting dinner hours; his Salary 50*l.* per annum, paid by myself; he receives nothing from the Public. The Fees demandable by Law for Searches are as follow:—For every Search in relation to Crown Business, 1*s.* 8*d.*:—Demandable by custom for any other Search 2*s.* 6*d.*:—Of the latter I have never demanded or received any, the principal Searches being confined to the Civil Bill Book, and being required by Persons of (generally) indigent circumstances, I have never made any charge.

(6.)—I attend to all the particulars contained in this Quere myself. I think it my duty to observe, for the further information of the Commissioners, that in all cases it is desirable to have the Public Records lodged in a Public Building, to prevent trouble and inconvenience in case of the change or removal of the Officers in whose custody they are; and as a Court House is immediately to be erected in this City at the public expense, I would beg leave strongly to recommend that an Apartment for the Public Records of the County should be provided in this Building, the interior accommodations of that Office to be subject to the directions of the Clerk of the Peace.

James Gregg,
Clerk of the Peace for the City and County of Londonderry.

Londonderry, 12th November 1810.

116. TOWN CLERK OF LONDONDERRY.

116. Town Clerk of Londonderry.

SIR, Londonderry, 19th March 1811.

I BEG leave to acquaint you, for the information of the Commissioners on the Public Records, that there are no Records in my custody as Town Clerk of the City of Londonderry. The Corporation of the City of Derry is a close one, and all the City Records are kept by the Chamberlain, who ever has had the custody of them. There is neither Salary nor Emolument of any kind paid to the Town Clerk of Londonderry.

To Wm Shaw Mason, Esquire, &c. &c. &c.

I have the honour to be, Sir, &c.
James Gregg.

117. CHAMBERLAIN OF LONDONDERRY.

ANSWERS to the several QUESTIONS required by the QUERIES hereunto annexed.

117. Chamberlain of Londonderry.

(1.)—THE Corporation of Derry, instituted by Charter, made by Charles the Second, to the Honourable the Society of the Governor and Assistants, London, of the new Plantation in Ulster, within the Realm of Ireland; which Charter is enrolled amongst the Patent Rolls of Ireland, in the Chancery therein, the 12th year of his said Majesty's Reign.

(2.)—The Records of said Corporation are lodged in an Iron Chest, in the House of Joseph Curry, in the City of Derry, which House is his private property.

(3.)—The said Records are in very good Order and Preservation.

(4.)—This Question principally answered in the preceding one.

(5.)—There are no Officers or Clerks employed for the custody or arrangement of the Records in my Office, which is open from nine o'clock in the Morning till five in the Evening. There are no Salaries paid by the Public; nor any Fees demanded for any Search, or Copy of any Record of the Corporation.

(6.)—There is no Person intrusted with the care of said Records, except the Chamberlain.

(7.)—There are no Matters, not comprised in the preceding Questions, which it is necessary or expedient to observe, for rendering the use of the said Records more convenient to the Public, or consistent with my duty to observe upon.

Joseph Curry,
Chamberlain.

118. CORONER OF COLERAIN.

SIR, Colerain, 23d October 1810.

I HAVE had the honour of your Letter of the 18th ultimo, transmitting me QUERIES from the Right Honourable the Commissioners of Public Records in Ireland; and requesting distinct ANSWERS thereto from me, as Coroner for the Town and Liberties of Colerain. There is not any Public Record, Roll, or Instrument of any kind in my possession, save and except an Account of the several Inquests, which I have been called on as Coroner to hold, on Persons who have met with sudden or accidental death; a Return of which is always made by me to the Clerk of the Crown for the North West Circuit of Ulster, at the Londonderry Assizes.

There is not any Public Office kept by me, as Coroner; the reason will appear in the following Answer; (there is not any Person employed by me for the special purpose of Coroner's Clerk.) The whole Fees of my office for the last Ten or Fifteen Years have not, on an Average, been more than Two Pounds per Annum, the Fee allowed by the Statute being only 13 *s.* 4*d.* for each Inquest. There is not any permanent Salary attached to my office as Coroner. If there be any further Information wanted, which I can furnish, I will have pleasure in communicating it. I have the honour to remain, Sir, &c.

To Wm Shaw Mason, Esquire,
&c. &c. &c.

James Hamill,
Coroner.

(8.) *Monaghan.*

119. PEACE CLERK.

ANSWERS to the several QUERIES required by the Commissioners of the Public Records in Ireland, from the CLERK OF THE PEACE for the County Monaghan.

(1.)—THE Records left in my Office are as follow:—An alphabetical Book, where all the Roman Catholics' Qualifications are entered from the different Rolls, which Rolls I return into the Rolls Office. Affidavits of the Registry of Trees in said County, with a Book where said Affidavits are entered. The Affidavits of the Registry of Freeholders of the County, with a general County Book wherein the names of the Freeholders are alphabetically arranged; together with a Book for each Barony in the County. The different Examinations returned by the Magistrates to the Sessions, with the Recognizances entered into on swearing such Examinations, and the Bills of Indictment found thereon; all of which are regularly tied up in Bundles for each Sessions, and regularly labelled. A Book containing the names of the Deputy Governors; the different Parishes in the County, the number of Men each Parish returns to the Militia, the age and size of each Man, and for what Parish he is returned. The Qualifications of the Militia Officers of the County; Affidavits of Roman Catholics for the purpose of obtaining Certificates for keeping Arms; Certificates of Persons qualified to get Licence to sell Gunpowder; Certificates of Retailers of Spirits having entered into the regular Bond; the Crown and Civil Bill Books of the several Sessions; Certificates of Gunsmiths; Certificates of Blacksmiths.

(2.)—The foregoing Records are kept in a good Room in my own House, in the Town of Monaghan, perfectly secured; for the Rent of which the County allows me 6*l.* 16*s.* 6*d.* per annum.

(3.)—The said Records, since my commencement (in 1794) are in a perfect state of Preservation; the few that were in the Office at that time are still in good Preservation.

(4.)—From the nature of said Records, there are not, nor do I conceive there is any necessity for, any Catalogues, Calendars, Schedules or Repertories, or particular Indexes.

(5.)—The said Records in my Office are committed to the custody of my Deputy, who attends the Office daily; he is not allowed any Salary by the County, or by any private Individual except myself; he is entitled to the following Fees—For every Search on Crown Business 1*s.* 8*d.*; for a Copy of the names of each one hundred Freeholders 3*d.*; for a Search respecting a Civil Bill 1*s.* 1*d.*: Net annual amount of such Searches, for the last three years, did not exceed Three Pounds.

(6.)—My Deputy, in my absence, is the only person who has the Care of said Records.

(7.)—It does not strike me that there are any Matters, not comprised in the foregoing Queries, which would be necessary or expedient to observe, for rendering the use of said Records more convenient to the Public.

Wm Shaw Mason, Esquire,
&c. &c. &c.

Walter Young,
Clerk of the Peace for the County of Monaghan.

(9.) *Tyrone.*

120. PEACE CLERK.

ANSWERS to the several QUERIES required by the Commissioners on the Public Records in Ireland, from the CLERK OF THE PEACE County Tyrone.

(1.) THE different sorts of Records now in my possession, are, Affidavits of Freeholders; Roll for Catholic Qualifications; Files of Indictments; Affidavits of Registry of Arms; Affidavits of planting Trees; Bail Bonds for Persons bound to Peace; Bonds entered into by Spirit Retailers; Affidavits of Renewals of Civil Bill Decrees and Dismisses; Acts of Parliament passed since the Union; Book of Record for entry of Process, and Decrees thereon, and also for entering Renewals of Decrees, &c. &c. obtained at Sessions; Books for Registry of Arms being entered in; Books for entering Warrants issued by the Court of Sessions; Books for entering Names, Residence and so forth, of Freeholders; Calendars of Persons tried and found guilty at Sessions; Books for entering Abstracts of Indictments, and Names of Persons tried, and to be tried at Sessions, and for entering therein the Sentence of the Court; Certificates of Magistrates, certifying for Persons proper to be licensed to sell Spirituous and other Liquors by Retail; Examinations against Persons for different Offences, on some of which Indictments are framed, and others not indictable; Bail Bonds for Persons bound to appear at Sessions, Qualifications of Governors of the County, and Magistrates Commissions. The above are the only Records in the Office of the Clerk of the Peace, and in this County; same are in general (so far as has come to my knowledge) without any deficiency or chasm since the year 1796; but no Record appears in my Office prior to that, the cause of which I cannot assign, being only five years in office, but have been informed, same were all burned by accident about that period.

(2.)—The Records are lodged in my Office in my own House, one-and-an-half mile from Dungannon; which Office is at all hours of the day (say from seven o'clock in the morning until ten at night) open, and either a confidential Clerk or myself there to make such Searches, and do such things as may be legally demanded. The Office where said Records are kept is my own private property; no Baronial or even Public County Office being allowed, the sum of Five Pounds being only presented by the Grand Jury at each Assize for an Office, which sum does not even pay for same during the time of holding Sessions.

(3. & 4.)—The Records (so far as I have hitherto mentioned, as in my possession) are in a perfect state of Preservation, and are so arranged as to bear the strictest scrutiny and search in a short period of time, all being Numerically, Alphabetically, Baronially, and according to their Dates, entered in Books labelled, or on Files; therefore in no way defective, same being by me at all times carried on in the same degree of arrangement (as above stated) instantly after they severally come into my custody. No further assistance necessary than the Person employed by me, as stated in Answer to next Quere.

(5.)—I am the Acting Clerk of the Peace for the County, and have a Partner resident in Dublin, who receives only part of the Profits, but transacts no part of the Business; and I have a confidential Clerk employed, who receives, for his assistance and attendance at my Record Office, Seventy Pounds per annum from my own private monies. The Salary presented by the County to me (for different Duties of my Office) has been fluctuating, but on an Average for the last three years, was about One hundred Pounds per Annum; all other Fees taken by me as prescribed by the several Acts (which on the hearing of Civil Bills are no way adequate to the trouble) on an average, amounted for the last three years to Three hundred Pounds or thereabouts, making in all the annual Sum of Four hundred Pounds, which is as near as I can possibly calculate. The Expenses attendant on same, for Clerk, Carriage of Records, Rent of Offices, and Expenses attending Sessions, on an average for the last five years, amounted to at the least 200*l.* per annum, leaving a Net Annual Profit of about 200*l.*

(6.)—I am the Person intrusted with the care of all the Records, under the Right Honourable Thomas Lord Viscount Northland. Either my Clerk or I are at all hours (as before mentioned) in my Office, to attend to every Search, and to restore each Record to its own proper place. The name of the Office is in general called, Clerkship of the Peace.

(7.)—As the convenience of the Public seems to be a particular feature of the object of the present Queries, it requires me to answer the 7th Quere, in the way of opinion; which, with deference, I shall offer on a few points, which I am convinced would render the use of the Records more convenient to the Public, and be of more general service. First, a Residence, with a General and Public Office, should be obtained for the Clerk of the Peace, in one of the principal Baronial Towns, or in the County Town; and a Public Office for Sessions in each of the other Baronies. And as the situation is a place of great trust, and takes the entire application of the Persons placed therein, every Expense therein should be saved, to make such Office independent of other Employments; and to effect this in a very great degree, and to render the carriage of the Records more safe, and to enable the Clerk of the Peace to extend the number of his Records carried from his Public Office to those Baronial Towns, at times of Sessions, Elections, &c. a particular commodious Conveyance should be procured him, and Arms necessary for the protection of the same, and only to be used for such purposes. These are the only Observations I can at present make, in addition to the Answers to the Queries as above; and which Answers I am ready, and at all times willing, to verify on Affidavit, and on Examination, to give every information I possibly can to the Commissioners on the subject.

John M'Reynolds,
Acting Clerk of the Peace, County Tyrone.

To Wm Shaw Mason, Esquire,
&c. &c. &c.

Additional Answer to the First Quere required from the Clerk of the Peace of the County Tyrone.

The Answer to First Quere, formerly sent, stated my ignorance of the loss of the Records of this County prior to 1796. I have since learned, that about that period, or shortly before, the Clerk of the Crown then acted as Clerk of the Peace, and from improper conduct was put out of office by the Right Honourable Thomas Lord Viscount Northland, Custos Rotulorum for said County; and that the Records were never given up, but detained by the then Clerk of the Peace, but cannot learn where same are now.

Dungannon,
19th November 1810.

John M'Reynolds,
Acting Clerk of the Peace, County Tyrone.

121. RECORDER OF STRABANE.

ANSWERS to the several QUERIES required by the Commissioners on the Public Records in Ireland, from the RECORDER of Strabane.

SIR,

IN compliance with your wishes I send you all the information in my power, relative to the Corporation of Strabane.

(1.)—Copy of Charter dated the 18th of March, 10 James I. granting power to the Corporation to make Bye Laws for the advantage of the Borough; there is a Book wherein the Bye Laws are engrossed; also, a Book where the Election of the Provost, and Members of the Corporation, are recorded; a Book for the Entry of all Actions in the Borough Court, and the Proceedings thereon. I know of no deficiencies.

(2.)—They are kept at my Office at my own House.

(3.)—They are in a perfect state of Preservation, and entire.

(4.)—The Records are so few in number, Catalogues and Indexes would be useless; nor is any assistance necessary to make them out; nor were there ever, to my knowledge, any.

(5.)—There are no Officers or Clerks employed by me, being enabled to do the entire duty myself. I never was called upon for a Search, and therefore never received any Fee.

(6.)—I have before stated, that I do all the duties myself.

(7.)—When called on by the Provost and Burgesses, I attend with such Record as is necessary, and replace it when they have done with it. This is all the information on the subject I can think of. If I have omitted any thing that you may deem necessary, if you let me know it, I will transmit it as soon as possible.

I have the honour to be, &c.

Wm Shaw Mason, Esquire,
&c. &c. &c.
20 October 1810.

Edward Edie,
Recorder of Strabane.

122. SENESCHAL OF DUNGANNON.

SIR,

Dungannon, January 10, 1810.

IN reply to your Letters of the 18th September and 18th December ultimo, I have only to mention, that when I became Seneschal of the Manor of Dungannon (a few years since,) no Records whatever were given in charge to me; nor do I know of any, unless my own Court Book, an Abstract of the Proceedings in which I take care to have regularly lodged with the Clerk of the Peace, at the proper times, and deposited with the Records of the County. I expect in the course of a few days to have some conversation with Viscount Northland, who is Lord of the Manor; and if any matter arises worthy of notice, it shall be immediately communicated.

I have the honour to be, &c.

Wm Shaw Mason, Esquire,
&c. &c. &c.

John Shuter.

(4.) LEINSTER.

(1.) *Carlow.*

123. PEACE CLERK.

ANSWERS of the CLERK OF THE PEACE for the County of Carlow, to the different QUERIES transmitted by the Right Honourable the Commissioners on the Public Records in Ireland.

(1.)—THE several sorts of Records in possession of the Clerk of the Peace, at his Office, are as follow; viz.—Rolls of Indictments found at the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace held for this County since the year 1772. Affidavits of Registry of Freeholders since the year 1802 to the present time; those previous to that period were conveyed away by the then Deputy Clerk of the Peace at his dismissal, and never returned; but most of them have been since renewed. Rolls relating to the Militia of the County, and Lists of Persons

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proper to serve therein. Notifications of Fire Arms, with Baronial Books of same. Affidavits of the Registry of Trees at General Quarter Sessions, with an alphabetical Book. Registry of Bakers. Registry of Blacksmiths. Affidavits relating to Turnpike Roads. Bonds of licensed Publicans taken annually. Affidavits relating to Civil Bills. Civil Bill Books, Crown Books, and Acts of Parliament.

(2.)—The foregoing Records and Papers are lodged in the first floor of a House in the Town of Carlow. The Offices consist of two rooms fitted up with presses for the reception of the Records, and the House is private property, and as secure as any other private House.

(3.)—All the Papers are arranged in presses according to their respective periods, and are in good order.

(4.)—Regular Books are kept, in which are entered the Names of Persons indicted and tried. The Names and Places of abode of each Person registering a Freehold, in a County Book; the Freeholders' Names are also entered in Baronial Books; and the Affidavits of each Freeholder are preserved in boxes alphabetically, according to their Baronies. A Book with the Names of Persons registering Trees, entered alphabetically. The Names of Persons registering Arms, entered in Barony Books. A Book with Names of Persons exercising the Baking trade. No Indexes or Catalogues are wanting to the different Records.

(5.)—The Clerk of the Peace attends to the duties of his Office, takes care of all Records and Papers, and employs one Clerk, who receives a Salary of 20*l.* a year from the Clerk of the Peace, who attends daily at the Office, from eleven o'clock until three (Sundays excepted) and assists in the general business of the Office.

(6.)—The Clerk of the Peace (or in his absence the Clerk employed by him in the Office) attends on every Search, which occurs but seldom; the charge for each Search is 1*s.* 8*d.* The Fees for Searches have not amounted, on an average for three years, to Twenty Shillings annually. The entire profits of the Office amounted annually to about 300*l.* on an average for the last three years.

Alexander Humphry,
Clerk of the Peace, County of Carlow.

124. SERJEANTS OF CARLOW.

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SIR, Carlow, 21 October 1810.

WE have had the honour to receive your Letter of the 18th instant; in ANSWER to which, we take the liberty to mention, to the different QUERIES stated therein, that we have no Records, Rolls, or Instruments, of any description, in our custody.

We have the honour to be, Sir, &c.

Richard Budds. *Robert Shaw.*

Wm Shaw Mason, Esquire,
&c. &c. &c.

(2.) *Kildare.*

125. PEACE CLERK, AND REGISTER OF ASSISTANT BARRISTER.

To the Right Honourable the Commissioners on Public Records in Ireland.

The ANSWER of the CLERK OF THE PEACE, and REGISTER to the Assistant Barrister for the County of Kildare, to the QUERIES relating to the Public Records of Ireland.

125. Peace Clerk, and Register of Assistant Barrister, Kildare.

(1.)—THE Records in my Office are, Examinations and Indictments from the year 1789; Affidavits of Freeholds and Registries; Book of Freeholders, from the year 1780; Civil Bill Books and Affidavits made on renewal of Sessions Decrees; also Affidavits of Persons registering Trees planted on their Farms in the County.

(2.)—The above mentioned Records are kept in a press, and lodged in Offices provided by the County, in the towns of Naas and Athy.

(3.)—The said Records are in a safe good state, and arranged in the following manner: The Examinations, Indictments, &c. of each Session, are tied up in separate Bundles, and indorsed so; the Affidavits of Freeholders are on separate Barony Files, in alphabetical order; and the Civil Bill Books and renewal Affidavits indorsed and tied up in separate years.

(4.)—To this Quere no Answer necessary from my Office.

(5.)—As Clerk of the Peace and Register to the Assistant Barrister, I regulate and arrange the Records and other documents in my Office, for which duty there is not any payment; when a Search is required, I make same in person, and charge one shilling and eight-pence for same.

(6.)—Is contained in the last Answer.

Joseph Medlicott,
Clerk of the Peace, County Kildare.

126. TOWN CLERK OF ATHY.

ANSWERS of Robert Johnston, TOWN CLERK of the Corporation of Athy, to QUERIES of the Commissioners on Public Records in Ireland.

(1.)—THE ancient Records of the Corporation of Athy, in the County of Kildare, comprising Entries and Elections of all the Burgesses, Freemen, and Officers of said Corporation; together with the Manuscript Books and Papers, containing the nomination of Sovereign and Officers annually, and also Entries of all Law Proceedings for recovery of Small Debts; are in the possession of his Grace the Duke of Leinster to the year 1738, and ever since that period have been kept by the Sovereign for the time being: And there does not appear any chasm or deficiency therein.

(2.)—There is no particular Building to lodge said Records in; the Sovereign's private habitation is looked on as a place of sufficient Security.

(3.)—The Records in the hands of the Sovereign are in good Preservation, in annual distinct arrangement.

(4.)—There are no Catalogues, Calendars, Schedules or Repertories, or Indexes to said Records; nor does it appear necessary, or that any Person should be employed for forming such; they are the private property of his Grace the Duke of Leinster.

(5.)—There are no other Officers or Clerks employed, than the Sovereign, Bailiffs and Burgesses, Recorder, Town Clerk, and Officers at Mace. Any Person can see the Records at any time, by application to the Sovereign. There is no Salary, Allowance or Emolument for the custody of said Records; nor any Fee demanded for any Search, Certificate, or Copy thereof, or attendance thereon.

(6.)—The only Person intrusted with the care of said Records is the Sovereign, who thinks it his duty to attend any Search made, and restore the Records to their respective places of security.

(7.)—It is conceived there are no Matters necessary to observe, for rendering the use of the Records of said Corporation more convenient to the Public, than they are at present.

Robert Johnston,
Town Clerk.

September 18, 1810.

(3.) *Kilkenny.*

127. PEACE CLERK FOR THE COUNTY.

The ANSWER of the CLERK OF THE PEACE of the County of Kilkenny, to the LETTER of Wm Shaw Mason, Esq. relative to the Records of said County.

(1.)—MANUSCRIPT BOOKS, containing the Freeholders registered from December 1785 to January 1811. Books of the Presentments granted on the County, from Lent Assizes 1728, to Summer Assizes 1810. Schedules of Affidavits for granting Presentments, from Lent Assizes 1786, to Summer Assizes 1810. Sessions Grand Jury Books, containing the Bills of Indictment from October 1759 to January 1811. Sessions Peace Books, of the different Bills of Indictment by the Grand Jury, from April 1755 to January 1811, with the Trials, Convictions, and Sentences. Bundles and Rolls of Examinations and Indictments, from 1799 to January 1811. A Manuscript Book, containing a List of the Trees planted and registered in the County, from April 1767 to January 1811, and a Bundle, containing the necessary Affidavits for same. Several Rolls containing Lists of Names of Persons, who have taken the Oaths of Allegiance and Qualification Oaths, to January 1811. Several Bundles of Recognizances of Persons to keep the Peace and to be of good behaviour to all His Majesty's Subjects, from September 1801 to January 1811. Several Bundles containing Magistrates' Certificates to Persons to obtain Licenses for selling Spirituous and Malt Liquors, with their Recognizances, from September 1802 to September 1810. Civil Bill Books, with Entries and Decrees obtained, from January 1798 to January 1811. A Map of the County at large, and a Book containing Maps of the different Baronies. A Set of the Statutes at large of the Irish Parliament, and a Set of the Imperial Statutes; Ball's Index wanting. The Deeds of Sale, from the different Persons who had Estates in the Ground on which the New Gaol has been built, to the Governors and Trustees of the County, and the Receipts for the Purchase Money.

(2.)—They are kept in an Office attached to my dwelling-house, which I made up at my own expense, and is perfectly secure, save by accident of fire; and which Office the County pays the Rent of.

(3.)—Such Records as are in the Office are in a good state of Preservation, but are all in disorder, and irregular, having got them, on my being appointed Clerk of the Peace, in a room in the Court House, where they had been thrown on the death of the late Clerk of the Peace by his landlord; and by the removal, and state of confusion they were left in, several must have been lost.

(4.)—There are no correct Catalogues, Schedules or Repertories of any of the Records; every thing of that kind being defective in the Office, and if completed must be of vast use to the County. I do not think they could be completed, by myself and two Clerks that are usually employed in the Office, in less than one year, with doing the other routine business of it; with the assistance of one Clerk, whose time might be entirely given

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up to it, they might be done in Six Months. Nor do I know of any Index or Records belonging to the County in any Person's hands, or in any other place, save those in the Office.

(5.)—There are two Clerks, besides myself, for the arrangement of the Records, and doing the duty of the Office; the Clerks attend from nine o'clock in the Morning until three in the Afternoon, and from Six in the Afternoon until nine at night, every day (save Sundays;) which Clerks I pay Salaries to, but who do not receive any Allowance, Emolument or Fee whatsoever, from the Public; and the only Fees taken for a Search, Certificate or Copy of a Record, are those allowed by Act of Parliament. Cannot set forth the annual amount of the Fees of the Office, not being yet eight months in the Office of Clerk of the Peace.

(6.)—There is no Person specially intrusted with the care of the Records, they being in presses and alphabets made up for the purpose in my Office; and when a Search is required, I take care to have the Record restored to its proper place.

(7.)—As I found all the Papers in such a state of confusion, I have been (with the assistance of my Clerks) endeavouring to regulate and put them into some order, which prevented an Answer going long since.

Observation.—From the state of the Public Records in the County, and the casualties attending Records in Offices so situated as those of Clerks of the Peace, I should conceive Duplicates necessary to be sent yearly of all business occurring in the Office, to be lodged with the Records in the Register's Office in Dublin; and some compensation should be made to the Clerks of the Peace for such additional trouble.

Kilkenny, January 16, 1811.

William Watters,
Clerk of the Peace, County Kilkenny.

128. PEACE CLERK FOR THE CITY KILKENNY.

The ANSWERS of the CLERK OF THE PEACE of the County of the City of Kilkenny, to the QUERIES directed by the Commissioners on the Public Records in Ireland.

128. Peace Clerk for the City Kilkenny.

(1.)—THE Records now in my possession (as Clerk of the Peace of the City of Kilkenny) are, Bills of Indictment, from April Sessions 1778 to the present time; together with Books containing Entries of Indictments, and the Proceedings thereon, from April Sessions 1762 to the present time; Qualification Oaths for Protestants, from July 1758, and of Roman Catholics, from December 1775; Certificates and Affidavits of Persons receiving the Sacrament, commencing in 1760 and ending in 1790; Registries of Trees from 1792; of Freeholds from 1796; of Persons keeping Arms in said year 1796; of Bakers, from the year 1800; and Bonds of Spirit Retailers, for the years ending September 1799, 1802, 1803, 1804, 1805, 1806, 1807, 1808, 1809, 1810, 1811.

(2.)—The Building in which said Records are lodged in said City is my own House, and private property; and I consider such Building sufficiently secure for the keeping of said Records.

(3.)—The said Records are in good Preservation, and securely kept, but are not as well arranged as they might be in suitable and commodious Presses for that purpose.

(4.)—There are Repertories to the Bills of Indictment at the Sessions of the Peace for said City, so far as keeping them entered in bound Books; and though they are not indexed, it is easy to refer to the Proceedings of each year and sessions, as they are entered with regularity. The Registries of Freeholds, Trees, Arms, and Bakers, are made alphabetically. Unless it should be considered necessary to index the Names of the Persons against whom there are Indictments at each Sessions of the Peace, I do not think any other Index wanting in my Office, as Clerk of the Peace.

(5.)—There is no Officer or Clerk, except myself, employed for the custody and arrangement of the Records. The usual Hours of Attendance in my Office are from Ten to Four o'clock each day. The Fee payable for any Search, in relation to Crown Business is 1*s.* 8*d.* and for which Searches I have not received 1*l.* for the last three years; and (to the best of my recollection) there was not any other Search made in my Office for the last three years, for which I made any charge.

(6.)—The only Person intrusted with the care of said Records is myself, and I give them the best attention in my power.

(7.)—Commodious Presses are the only things that occur to me as necessary, to render the use of the Records of my Office more convenient to the Public, and enable me to arrange them with more regularity than they are at present.

John Watters,
Clerk of the Peace of the County of the City of Kilkenny.

129. TOWN CLERK OF THE CITY OF KILKENNY.

The ANSWERS of the TOWN CLERK of the City of Kikenny, to the QUERIES directed by the Commissioners on the Public Records in Ireland.

129. Town Clerk of the City of Kilkenny.

(1.)—THE Records now in my possession as Town Clerk of the City of Kilkenny, are, the Charter of said City, granted by King James the First, in the 7th year of his reign; Books, containing Entries of the Proceedings

Proceedings of the Corporation of said City, from the year 1656 to the present time, except an interval from 1687 to 1690, which I presume was occasioned by the Civil Wars then prevailing; Qualification Rolls; together with a variety of Pleadings and Proceedings in the Court of Record of said City. It may be here necessary to observe, that the Clerkship of the Peace of said City goes along with the Town Clerkship according to the Charter; and that as Clerk of the Peace there are several Records now in my possession, such as Indictments, Registries of Freeholds, Trees, Arms, Bakers, Bonds of Spirit Retailers, Qualification Rolls for Protestants and Roman Catholics.

(2.)—The Building in which the said Records are lodged is my own house in said City, and is of course private property; and I consider such Building sufficiently secure for the keeping of said Records.

(3.)—The said Records are in as good Preservation as might reasonably be expected from the antiquity of some of them, and are arranged in tolerably good order.

(4.)—There are not any Catalogues, Calendars, Schedules, Repertories, or Indexes to any of said Records, nor do I see any very great degree of utility that would result from Indexes; but if the Books of said Corporation were to be indexed, I think it would take six months to complete same, and that they should (in justice to the Corporation) be done by myself or a confidential person.

(5.)—There is no Officer or Clerk, except myself, employed for the custody and arrangement of the Records; and the business of the Record Court is so trifling, that Searches are scarcely ever made in my Office as Town Clerk, and (to the best of my recollection) I did not receive any Sum whatever for any Search in said Office for the last three years. The Fee, which I consider myself entitled to, for a Search in said Court is 1 *s.* 6 *d.*; and I beg leave to refer to the Fees laid down by the Act of the 49th of His present Majesty, for Clerks of the Peace. The usual Hours of Attendance, in my Office of Town Clerk, are from Ten to Four o'clock each day.

(6.)—The only Person intrusted with the care of said Records is myself; for, as the business of said Office of Town Clerk is very little, it does not make it necessary to keep a Clerk for its attendance.

(7.)—I must here beg leave to observe, that the Statutes at large, with the Index thereto, would be very useful to my Office as Clerk of the Peace. And with respect to the Court of Record of this City, to observe, that as the Stamp Duty on the admission of Attornies, equally extends to inferior Courts as to the superior, most of the Attornies now resident in the City of Kilkenny do not think it worth while to pay so high a duty to get admission into said Court of Record, on account of the small Fees at present allowed upon the Proceedings in that Court: I would therefore beg leave to suggest, that if the Stamp Duty on the admission of Attornies, was made 3 *l.* instead of 20 *l.* it would be a more productive Duty to that branch of His Majesty's Revenue; and that if the Attornies' Fees were somewhat increased (with a moderate increase also of Fees to Counsel) it would, for two reasons, be the means of making the Law Business of the City almost entirely local, and of the most material benefit to the Inhabitants of said City; first, because they would obtain Judgment and Execution at an expense at least two-thirds less than the Costs in the superior Courts; and next, because, under the Charter of said City, every Tuesday and Friday throughout the year are Court Days, and (of course) the Trial of any Action could be speedily obtained. And as Writs of Certiorari, to remove Plaints to the Court of King's Bench from inferior Courts of Record, are in general issued more for the purpose of delay than the attainment of Justice, I beg leave to suggest, that instead of the Stamp Duty of 1 *l.* now chargeable upon a Writ of Certiorari, it might be advisable to raise it to 5 *l.* and to make it necessary, that upon the issuing of such Certiorari, an Affidavit should be made and filed by the Attorney thereto, that such Certiorari was not issued for the purpose of delay, but (to the best of his belief) for the attainment of Justice, and that there should be also at the same time filed a Certificate of Counsel to the same effect. I should also beg leave to suggest, that in a moderate increase of the Attornies' and Counsels' Fees, so as not to let them bear too heavily upon either Plaintiff or Defendant, it might probably be advisable to limit the issuing of Actions in said Court of Record to a Sum not less than 10 *l.* by which means Persons would be left to their remedy under the present Civil Bill Act, at a light expense for small Sums. —I take the liberty of sending herewith an Extract of that part of the Charter of said City, which relates to the Court of Record.

John Watters,
Town Clerk City of Kilkenny.

An EXTRACT of that Part of the CHARTER of the CITY of KILKENNY, granted by King James I. so far as relates to the Record Court of said City.

"AND further, of our abundant special Grace, and of our certain knowledge and mere motion, We have granted, and by these Presents, for Us, our Heirs and Successors do grant, to the said Mayor and Citizens of the said City of Kilkenny and their Successors, that he and his Successors for ever shall have one Court of Record in the said City of Kilkenny; and they may and shall be able to hold that Court twice in every Week for ever, viz. every Tuesday and every Friday every Week, in the Tholsel of the said City, or in any other convenient place within the said City, without the impediment of Us, our Heirs or Successors, Lord Lieutenants, Justices, Deputies, Escheators, Sheriffs, Seneschals, Bailiffs, or other the Ministers or Officers

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whatsoever, of Us, our Heirs or Successors, as often as it shall be needful to be held, before the said Mayor of the said City of Kilkenny and his Successors, and the Recorder of the said City, or before their Deputy or Deputies; and that they may hold in the said Court, by Plaints in the said Court to be levied, all and singular Pleas, Actions, Suits, Plaints and Demands, real personal or mixed, as well of all and singular Lands and Tenements within the said City, or County of the said City, or within the said Parishes, or within any of them being within the said City or County of the said City, or being within the limits or precincts of them, as to hear, examine, discuss, and determine, of all and all manner of Debts, amounting to whatsoever Sum or Sums, and of all and all manner of Trespasses, Debts, Detinues, Accounts, Covenants, Deceits, Contracts, Causes, Matters, and Demands whatsoever, arising or happening within the said City of Kilkenny or County of the said City, or within the said Parishes or any of them; and that the said Court be a Court of Record, and that every Mayor of the said City (for the time being) and every Deputy whatsoever of the said Mayor, and every Recorder of the said City, may have full power and authority to hold, hear, examine, discuss and determine, all and singular those Pleas and Plaints, by the Writ or Writs of Us, our Heirs or Successors, or by Bill or Bills or Plaints whatsoever, according to the due form of Law, and to proceed to judgment thereupon and therein, to make thereof execution according to the Law of our Kingdom of Ireland, as in other Courts of Record in other Cities within our said Kingdom of Ireland is used, or may or ought to be done; and that all Plaints, Assizes of Novel Disseisin, Mort-ancestor, and all Pleas (as well real as personal and mixed) arising in the said City or in the said County of the said City, or within the Liberties or Boundaries of them, shall be held in the said City, in the said Court, before the said Mayor for the time being, and his Successors, Mayors of the said City (except always those Pleas which used heretofore to be impleaded before the Portrieve of the said late Borough); and that in all the said Plaints, Assizes and Pleas, commenced and prosecuted, or to be commenced or prosecuted, before the said Mayor for the time being, and his Successors, Process shall be made by the Great Capé, Petit Capé, Summons, Attachment, Distress, Capias, or by other Process, according to the Laws of our Kingdom of Ireland, as the case shall require."

130. PORTRIEVE OF IRISHTOWN.

ANSWER of the PORTRIEVE of Irishtown, to the QUERIES of the Right Honourable the Commissioners on the Public Records of Ireland.

130. Portrieve of Irishtown.

(1.)—THE only Records belonging to the Corporation of Irishtown are contained in two Books, regularly paged; the former commencing with the year 1718, and, with the latter, comprising a regular Account of the Proceedings of the Corporation to the present date.

(2.)—The above Records are usually kept by the Portrieve for the time being, or by the Bishop of Ossory.

(3.)—They are in a good state of Preservation, and arranged in regular order.

(4.)—There are no Catalogues or Indexes, nor do such appear requisite.

(5.)—There are none.

(6.)—This duty is usually performed by the Portrieve, under the direction of the Bishop of Ossory.

(7.)—None occur to me as necessary.

Anthony Pack, LL. D.
Portrieve.

Kilkenny, January 1st, 1811.

131. SOVEREIGN OF CALLAN.

SIR, Callan, November 2, 1810.

131. Sovereign of Callan.

THIS day I had the honour of receiving your Letter; and though I am not Sovereign of Callan for the present year, think it my duty to answer it, as Lord Callan is not in Ireland, and his Deputy (a Mr. Walsh) does not reside in Town. I was Chief Magistrate here for the last seven years. During that time, I never saw any Record, Roll or Instrument, except what is called the Corporation Book, wherein the Names of the Burgesses and Freemen are entered, and the Proceedings at the Elections of the Magistrates, to which the Burgesses sign their names. As to chasms or deficiencies, I can give no information, never having seen it but on Election and Swearing-in Days. The Book is not kept in this Town, but by Lord Callan's Agent. There is no Public Building here, except an old Court House, where the Elections are held, and Complaints heard: it belongs to the Corporation. As there are no Records kept here, of course there are no Officers or Clerks. I should have pleasure in giving you any information in my power; and if you wish to apply to Lord Callan, he lives in Fitzroy-square, London.

I have the honour to be, &c.

James Strangeway.

Wm Shaw Mason, Esquire,
&c. &c. &c.

(4.) *King's County.*

132. ASSISTANT BARRISTER.

SIR, November 7th, 1810.

ON my arrival in town a few days ago, I received your Letter of the 18th September; and beg to observe in return, that I conceive that the Clerk of the Peace is the proper Person to direct your Queries to, as he has the Custody of the Records; and I have accordingly transmitted your Letter to him, with directions to answer it, without any unnecessary delay: at the same time I will feel great pleasure in assisting an inquiry of this description, as much as it is in my power, as I am confident it may be attended with great public advantage, but at present I can say but little that is satisfactory on the subject.

In the King's County, and I believe in every other County in Ireland, the Grand Jury present annually 10*l.* to the Clerk of the Peace, to pay for an Apartment in the County Town, to keep his Records and transact his Business in; and in the Court House lately erected at Philipstown, there is a room exclusively for his accommodation in these respects, which when sufficiently aired, will in my mind be perfectly adequate to those purposes, without having a distinct Building, which will be attended with much unnecessary Expense. I conceive it would be a most useful regulation, that the Records of all descriptions should be on Parchment, and in truth they are not properly Records without being so; but some of the Clerks of the Peace, to save themselves the Expense of Parchment, have even the Indictments on Paper: In the case of the Registration of Trees, for example, upon which much Property may depend, the Evidence of it is on Paper, which is so liable to decay, and which it may not be necessary to consult for a considerable lapse of years. It would also be advisable, that all the Books in which there are Alphabetical Lists of the Records, should be bound, as it would tend to their preservation; and that there should be a Duplicate of each lodged with another Officer appointed for the purpose; for at present there is no check on those who have these Documents in their custody.

I have the honour to be, &c. &c.

Thomas C. Parsons,
Assistant Barrister, King's County.

Wm Shaw Mason, Esquire,
&c. &c. &c.

133. PEACE CLERK.

To the Right Honourable the Commissioners on Public Records in Ireland.

The ANSWER of Henry Harding, CLERK OF THE PEACE for the King's County, to the QUERIES of said Commissioners.

(1.)—THE Public Records, Rolls, Instruments, Manuscript Books and Papers, in my custody, as Keeper of the Records of said County, are Examinations, Indictments and Recognizances, Affidavits of the Registry of Freeholders, and the Manuscript Books in which same are entered; the Affidavits of the Registry of Trees, and the Manuscript Book in which same are entered; the Roll for Qualification of Roman Catholics, the former one being filed in the Rolls Office; the Roll for such Qualifications for Officers serving in the Militia, and Deputy Governors, as have been sent to me; the Returns of Actions tried at Manor Courts, as sent me by the Seneschals; a File containing the Affidavits of Persons who have qualified for keeping Arms; the Civil Bill Books, and Affidavits for renewal of Decrees, since the commencement of the Act 36th George III.—I have answered Quere 1. so far as I have been able to do since I received the same, and from the period to which I began to act as Clerk of the Peace, which took place in the year 1799.

(2.)—The above mentioned Records and Books are kept in a safe dry office press, in the Towns of Birr and Philipstown, and paid for at my expense; and same are private property.

(3.)—The said Records are in a good, safe and perfect state, and arranged as follows:—The Examinations, Indictments and Recognizances for each Sessions, are tied up in separate Parcels, and labelled on the outside; the Affidavits of Freeholders are in alphabetical order, corresponding with the Book in which they are entered; the Affidavits for the registering of Trees are kept together in numerical order, and correspond with the Entries in the Book; and the Civil Bill Books are kept together, and severally indorsed.

(4.)—There are not any other Catalogues, Calendars, Schedules, Repertories or Indexes to the said Records or Papers; nor do I conceive any other necessary, or that any utility would result therefrom, inasmuch as every Record and Paper in my Office is regularly tied up, and the nature of the same, and the date thereof indorsed thereon, and each Session's Papers put together.

(5.)—I employ a Deputy, who has a Person employed to assist him at all Sessions and Adjournments thereof, who does the Business, and arranges the several matters herein before specified; and my Deputy afterwards keeps the Records at his House in the Town of Birr, where he constantly attends to make any Search required by the Public. There is not any Salary paid or payable to my Deputy or his Clerk by the Public; I charge only the Sums regulated by an Act of the 49th George III. for Searches and other Matters mentioned; and the whole of such Sums paid for Searches, does not amount annually to 1*l.* I cannot more particularly set forth the same, not having kept any Account thereof.

(6.)—Answered by the foregoing Answers.

(7.)—There does not appear to me any Matter, not comprised in the said Queries, which would be expedient or necessary to observe.

John Legge,
Dr C. P. King's County.

November 15th, 1810.

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(5.) *Longford.*

134. PEACE CLERK.

SIR,

I HAVE received your Letter of the 18th of September last, and enclose you (for the information of the Right Honourable the Commissioners on the Public Records in Ireland) the fullest ANSWER I can give to the several Queries put to me, respecting my Office of Clerk of the Peace for the County of Longford.

I am desired by my Lord Granard to say, that at the time his Lordship was appointed Governor and Custos Rotulorum of the County, there were scarcely any Records handed over to his Clerk of the Peace; and I must also observe, that at the time his Lordship appointed me Clerk of the Peace for said County (which took place in the year 1805), I found scarcely any Records in the Office, and such as were in it were of little consequence, and in a most neglected state; but since I have had the honour of filling the Employment, I have the satisfaction to be able to say, that every Paper and Record relative to the Office, has been kept in a state of order and regularity.

I have the honour to be, Sir, &c.

14th November 1810. *J. W. Little.*

To the Right Honourable the Commissioners on the Public Records in Ireland.

The ANSWER of the CLERK OF THE PEACE of the County of Longford, to the several QUERIES put to him on behalf of the said Commissioners.

(1.)—THE Records kept in my Office are as follow:—A Parchment Roll for the Qualification of Roman Catholics; Affidavits of the Registry of Trees planted in said County, with a Book where said Registries are alphabetically arranged; the Affidavits of the Registries of Freeholders of the County, with a general County Book, wherein the Names of the Freeholders are alphabetically arranged, together with a Book for each Barony in the County; the different Examinations returned by the Magistrates to the Sessions, with the Recognizances entered into on swearing such Examinations, and the Bills of Indictment found, all of which are tied up in Bundles for each Sessions, and regularly labelled; the Recognizances (entered into at the several Sessions) for keeping the Peace; the Spirit Licence Bonds; the Commissions of the Deputy Governors of the County; the Qualifications of the Militia Officers of the County; Affidavits of Roman Catholics, for the purpose of obtaining Certificates to enable them to keep Arms; the Crown and Civil Books of the several Sessions.

(2.)—The foregoing Records are kept in a good Room in a private House in the Town of Longford, perfectly secure; for the Rent of which Room the County allows me 10 *l.* per year, but I pay a greater Rent for same.

(3.)—The said Records, since my commencement (1805) are in a perfect state of Preservation. Such Records as were handed to me on my coming into office were then in a very mutilated state. I have arranged them in the best manner I could.

(4.)—From the nature of the said Records, there are not (nor do I conceive there is any necessity for) any Catalogues, Calendars, Schedules or Repertories, or particular Indexes.

(5.)—The said Records, in my absence, are committed to the custody of my Deputy, who attends the Office daily, when called on. He is not allowed any Salary by the County, or by any private individual, except myself. He is entitled to the following Fees, viz.—For every Search on Crown business, 1 *s.* 8 *d.*;—for a Search respecting Registry of Trees, 6 *d.*;—for a Copy of the Names of each 100 Freeholders, 3 *d.* The net annual Amount of such Searches, &c. for the last three years, did not exceed 1 *l.*

(6.)—My Deputy, in my absence, is the only Person who has the care of said Records.

(7.)—It does not strike me that there are any Matters, not comprised in the preceding Queries, which it would be necessary or expedient to observe, for rendering the use of said Records more convenient to the Public.

James Wensley Little,

14th November 1810. Clerk of the Peace of the County of Longford.

(6.) *Louth.*

135. PEACE CLERK.

ANSWER to the several QUERIES put by the Right Honourable the Commissioners of the Public Records in Ireland.

135. Peace Clerk, Louth.

(1.)—I HAVE Bills of Indictment annexed to the written Informations, made up, filed, and annexed to the Precept for holding each General Quarter Sessions, the Sessions and date thereof indorsed upon each File, stating "True, *or* No Bills." These Indictments I enter in a Book, in alphabetical order, stating who have, and have not, been tried. I have also a Crown Book, in which I enter at each Sessions the Indictments for Trial. A Copy of such Crown Book I make out for the Assistant Barrister. At the close of each Sessions I make

I make out in my Crown Book a Calendar of all the Persons convicted, with their Sentences, a Copy of which I sign, and give to the Gaoler. I have a File of Recognizances for each Sessions, of such Persons as are bound to appear and answer for Offences; and of those bound to prosecute; and those to keep the Peace. I have one grand Book, which contains the Names of all the Registered Freeholders in the County; (a Copy of this Book I make out and give to the Treasurer of the County).—I have five other Books of such Registry, called Barony Books (one for each Barony,) in which I enter the Names of the Freeholders in each Barony.—I have five Files of Freeholders' Affidavits, carefully arranged in alphabetical and baronial order.—I have a Book which contains the Names and Additions of all Persons who have registered their Arms, since the Law was made to register same. I have a File of the several Notifications of such Registry.—I have a Book in which I register all Trees planted; and I have a File made up and indorsed, of the several Affidavits made to Register same.—I have a Roll of Oaths necessary for the Qualification of Roman Catholics, which they sign; upon which Roll I mark the date of such Qualification; this Roll I return yearly to the Rolls Office.—I keep also a Book, in which I enter, in alphabetical order, the Names and Additions of such Catholics, in order to save them the trouble and expense of going to the Rolls for a Certificate of such Qualification.—I have a Book, called a Civil Bill Book, in which I enter all Civil Bills, with the Names of the several Witnesses produced upon the hearing, with the Barrister's Decree or Dismiss pronounced thereon; in which Book I also enter every Renewal of any former Decree or Dismiss.—I have also a File of all Affidavits made before the Barrister, to renew such Decree or Dismiss.—I have a Book, in which I enter the Names of all Spirit Retailers, who obtain licence to retail Spirits.—I have a File of the several Bonds entered into by every such Retailer, upon his obtaining such License.—I have a File, alphabeted and made up, of all Appeals to Magistrates' Adjudications, with the Bail Bonds of such Appellants.—I have a File of Affidavits made by Bakers.—I have a File of Turnpike Road Affidavits. The foregoing are all the Records in my Office. But I beg to state, that I was appointed Clerk of the Peace for the County of Louth in April 1794, in the room of Mr. Alexander Pittman, who left this Kingdom without delivering to the Custos, or any other Person, any Record, Book, or Paper whatever belonging to said Office. I understand that said Pittman died since in the West Indies. Since my appointment in 1794, I have all the above mentioned Records complete.

(2.)—The Records I keep in my House, in Dublin, as the County does not allow me any Office to keep such Records; and (by right) there ought to be three Offices, one in Dundalk, one in Ardee, and one in Drogheda, in each of which Towns Sessions are regularly held. I am obliged at each Session to bring with me such Records as are necessary. I have all the Records since April 1794 to this time, in perfect order, secure, and in the best possible condition.

(3.)—The Records are in great Preservation, and arranged as mentioned in my Answer to first Quere. They are so arranged, that I could turn to any Record in ten minutes.

(4.)—This Quere I have nearly answered by my first. The Records are by no means defective in any shape or way since April 1794. I am convinced three days would be more than necessary to complete and make perfect said Records, (I mean complete, to alphabet some Freeholds and Trees lately registered.) I have no Person employed under me in said Office, as the Emoluments thereof are so trifling, that they would not afford an Assistant. The Emoluments of said Office do not produce me a clear Income of 200*l.* a year; and there is no Office under the Crown that wants an Assistant so much; for scarce a Session of Parliament passes, without imposing upon the Clerk of the Peace some additional trouble without any Emolument. But to compensate such Assistant would take 100 Guineas a year, independent of his travelling and other Expenses.

(5.)—I employ no Clerk or Assistant, for the reasons last mentioned, which makes the Office to me very laborious. The Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Earl of Roden, or the Assistant Barrister, will testify how the Business of the Office is executed.

SCHEDULE:—For every Search I only charge, as to Criminal Cases, 1*s.* 1*d.*:—For each Certificate, 3*s.* 4*d.*:—Copy of each Record, 7*s.* 9*d.* I never charge for my attendance with any Record, but leave it to the will of the Party. The Net Annual Amount (at the most) of the Emoluments of said Office for the last three years, deducting my Expenses in travelling, and exclusive of Stationary, &c. did not produce more on an average than 200*l.*—Observe, the County of Louth is the smallest, and perhaps the quietest County in Ireland.

(6.)—I intrust the Records of my Office to no Person; I have the sole possession of them. I attend and make every Search, and take care of all the Records, and restore them to their proper place.

(7.)—I do not think any other Matter or Quere necessary that I can point out; save that I think it most necessary to have an Office in each District where Sessions are held; and to enable the Clerk of the Peace to keep a Deputy or an Assistant.

John Bourne,
Clerk of the Peace for the County of Louth.

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136. TOWN CLERK, DROGHEDA.

To the Right Honourable the Commissioners on the Public Records in Ireland.

The ANSWERS of William Holmes, TOWN CLERK of Drogheda, to the QUERIES required to be answered by him.

136. Town Clerk, Drogheda.

(1.)—SAITH, That as Town Clerk of Drogheda he is possessed, and has the keeping of several Manuscript Books, containing the Corporate Acts and Proceedings of the General, Quarterly, and other Assemblies of the Corporation of Drogheda, from the year 1649 to the present month of January 1811; containing also the Admissions and Swearing-in of the Free Members thereof; also Entries of the Elections and Swearing into Office of such of them as have been from time to time elected Mayors, Sheriffs, Recorders, Aldermen, Justices of the Peace, Town Clerks, Coroners, Common Council Men, Mayors and Constables of the Staple, Masters and Wardens of the Guild of Merchants, and other Officers of the Corporation; also the Rolls of the Oaths, &c. taken by them: And also, several Charters, and Copies of Charters, given and granted by several Kings of England to the said Corporation, by the Style and Title of the Mayor, Sheriffs, Burgesses and Commons of the County of the Town of Drogheda, and their Successors; setting forth the Rights, Privileges, Estates, Royalties, Jurisdictions and Immunities, to them from time to time given, granted and confirmed. The said Books and Charters are (for the most part) in good Preservation. There are not Catalogues or Indexes to all of them; to make and complete such, would require some time and attention, and would be of some use in referring to them.

(2.)—The said Books and Records are partly lodged in the Town Clerk's Office, in the Tholsel of Drogheda, which is a public secure Building, and partly in his Office, at the rear of his House in St. Laurence's-street in Drogheda.

(3.)—The said Records and Books are (for the greater part) in a state of Preservation, regularly arranged; others of them somewhat injured by time.

(4.)—There are not Catalogues, Calendars or Indexes, of each sort; but there are Manuscript Books containing the Acts and Proceedings of the several Assemblies held by the said Corporation of Drogheda, from the year 1649 to the present year 1811. Believes some utility might result if such Catalogues or Indexes were made; thinks such might be done in a month or two; there are not any such Catalogues, &c. existing elsewhere to his knowledge.

(5.)—Saith, that one Clerk or Deputy is employed as an Assistant in his said Office of Town Clerk, and in transacting the Business thereof, and attending the General, Quarterly, and other Assemblies of the Corporation, held by the Mayor, Sheriffs, Aldermen and Common Council Men. Has no Annual Salary or Allowance paid him by the Public, save 13*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* yearly, by the Corporation of Drogheda; which (with other Fees and Emoluments belonging to said Office) would not enable him to keep a Clerk solely for the Business of said Office of Town Clerk, if he had not other Business to employ him. Such Salary, Fees and Emoluments do not produce to him above Forty or Fifty Pounds per Annum, which (it must be admitted) is not a sufficient Compensation.

(6.)—There is not any other Person specially intrusted with the care of the said Records, save the Town Clerk and his Assistant or Deputy, who attends and makes Searches, &c.

(7.)—Saith, that he (said William Holmes) doth not know of any Matter, not comprised in the preceding Questions, necessary or expedient to observe, to render the use of the said Records, &c. more convenient to the Public.

William Holmes,
Town Clerk of Drogheda.

25 January 1811.

137. PEACE CLERK OF DROGHEDA.

To the Right Honourable the Commissioners on the Public Records in Ireland.

The ANSWERS of William Holmes, Esquire, CLERK OF THE PEACE for the County of the Town of Drogheda, to the QUERIES required to be answered by him.

137. Peace Clerk of Drogheda.

(1.)—SAITH, That as Clerk of the Peace for the said County of the Town of Drogheda, he hath in his custody and keeping the Records of the Peace of said County, from the year 1768 (when he was appointed to said Office) to the present month of January 1811, according to the respective dates of their being received and filed; which Records consist of Examinations, Informations, Indictments; Presentments of Grand Jurors, and Queries to them; Verdicts of Petit Jurors; Recognizances and Affidavits; also the Rolls of Oaths and Declarations taken made and subscribed by Persons to qualify them for Places and Employments, and Certificates of their having received the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper; also Affidavits for registering of Freeholds, and the Rolls of the Oaths and Declarations taken made and subscribed by Roman Catholics, to qualify them to vote at Elections of Members to serve in Parliament; also the Poll Books taken on such Elections, and the Indentures perfected by the Sheriffs and Electors, of the Members elected and returned to serve in Parliament for said Town and County; also the Court or Crown Books, as ruled and

ordered by the Justices of the Peace at the several Quarter Sessions for said County of the Town; also the Issues to Petit Juries on Trials, and the Fines and Estreats and the other Proceedings at said Sessions of the Peace; also Certificates of the Qualification of Persons appointed to serve as Officers of the Militia of said Town and County and to be Deputy Governors thereof, and the Commissions for arraying of the Militia of said Town and County; also Certificates and Bonds exacted and given by Persons licensed to sell and retail Spirituous and other Liquors in the said Town and County, and Bonds of Pawn Brokers; and also Rules and Regulations of Charitable or Friendly Societies of said Town and County. And saith, that any chasms or deficiencies of said Records (if such there be) were caused, as he believes, by an accidental fire which broke out in the Tholsel of Drogheda in the year 1798, where a Military Guard was then kept.

(2.)—The before mentioned Records, &c. are some of them lodged in the Tholsel of Drogheda, which is a public secure Building, and is the Court House of the Town and County of the Town of Drogheda; and the rest of said Records, &c. are lodged in his own Office at the rear of his dwelling-house, in Saint Laurence's Street in said Town, which is secure and convenient.

(3.)—The said Records are (for the most part) in a good state of Preservation; some of them regularly arranged, and some of them injured.

(4.)—There are not correct Catalogues, Calendars, or particular Indexes, of each sort; believes some utility might result from the same if completed, and thinks such might be done in a month or two. There are not any such Catalogues, &c. existing elsewhere, to his knowledge.

(5.)—Saith he employs one Clerk as an Assistant in the general duties of his Office as Clerk of the Peace, and in keeping and arranging the Records thereof, and attending the General Quarter Sessions and Adjournments thereof, held by and before the Mayor, Recorder, and other His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County of the Town of Drogheda, on the days and times appointed for that purpose. Has no annual Salary or Emoluments paid him by the Public, except the annual sum of 2*l.* 15*s.* sterling, by the Corporation of Drogheda, in lieu of Fees, for Persons indicted, tried and acquitted by Petty Juries, and some small Fees belonging to said Office, which would be insufficient to enable him to keep a Clerk solely for the business of said Office, if he had not other business to employ him. The annual average amount (including the above Allowance) of all Fees and Emoluments of said Office, received for the three last years, does not exceed Fifty Guineas per annum; which must be allowed is not at all an adequate compensation for discharging the duties of the Office of Clerk of the Peace. There are some Fees, &c. belonging to the Office, which might be raised by Presentment of the Grand Jury, but such are not presented here, the County being but very small; it contains only about 3,500 Acres, including the Towns, Roads and Rivers, &c.; and the necessary assessments for Repairs of Roads, &c. Gaol Expenses, Militia, &c. &c. are very heavy, and considered oppressive by the Landholders and Inhabitants.

(6.)—There is no Person, save the Clerk of the Peace and his Assistant, intrusted with the care of the Records, &c., whose duty it is to attend upon every Search, and to take care that every Record, &c. be duly and fairly restored to its proper place.

(7.)—The said William Holmes saith, he doth not know of any Matter, not comprised in the preceding Questions, necessary or expedient to observe, to render the use of the said Records more convenient to the Public.

William Holmes,
Clerk of the Peace of Drogheda.

25 January 1811.

138. TOWN CLERK OF DUNDALK.

SIR, Dundalk, 5 January 1811.

I HAVE the honor of receiving your Letter of the 18th ultimo only yesterday. Your former Letter I had laid before Lord Roden, from whom I did suppose you had received his Lordship's reply. I have only to inform you, that I never knew of any Public Office for the Records of this Corporation. The business of this Borough (on all necessary occasions) is conducted in the Guild Hall of this Borough, and the Books and Records always lodged in Lord Roden's Office, he alone having the patronage of this Borough.

I have the honour to remain, &c.

Laurence Tallan,
Town Clerk.

Wm Shaw Mason, Esquire.

(7.) *Meath.*

139. PEACE CLERK.

ANSWERS to the several QUERIES directed by the Right Honourable the Commissioners of Public Records in Ireland, to be answered by the CLERK OF THE PEACE of said County.

(1.)—THE following are the several sorts of Public Records, Rolls, Instruments, and Manuscript Books in the Peace Office of said County:—The Rolls, containing the Names of all such Persons as have qualified for Public Offices as Protestants, at the several Sessions of the Peace from 1767 to the present period; together

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together with the File of Affidavits and Certificates of having received the Sacrament according to the Rites, &c. of the established Church.—The Roll of such Persons as have taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance and Declaration prescribed by the Acts of the 13th and 14th of His present Majesty, and the Oath and Declaration prescribed by the 33d of His present Majesty, intitled, "An Act for the Relief of His Majesty's Popish, or Roman Catholic Subjects," from January 1810 to October 1810. N. B. These Rolls are transmitted annually to the Rolls Office, Dublin.—The Roll of all such Persons as have been sworn into the Office of Constable, from 1776 to the present period.—The Rolls of the Findings by Jury Inquisitions and Judgments of the Boyne Navigation Company, from 11th April 1791 to 18th July 1791.—The Roll of Qualification of Deputy Governors and Officers of the Militia of said County, from its formation in the year 1793; together with the several Returns of Deficiencies and Strength of same, to the present date.—File, containing the Affidavits of Persons registering as Bakers, from 28th January 1788 to the present period.—File of Affidavits and Certificates received of the planting of Trees, registered pursuant to the several Acts of Parliament relating to same, from 3d July 1767 to the present period; these are entered at full length in a Book alphabeted according to the name of the Townland. Vide Answer to Quere, No. 4.—Files of Affidavits and Notifications, for the registering of Arms and Blacksmiths' Forges, &c. pursuant to the several Statutes, from 4th April 1796 to the present period; these are entered alphabetically in Books, which are a complete Index to same. Vide Answer to Quere, No. 4.—Files of Affidavits made by Persons accounting for the Repairs of Turnpike Roads, the Accounts of their Treasurers, &c. and Contracts made for said Repairs, from 1787 to the present period.—Files of Affidavits made for the Renewal of Civil Bill Decrees and Dismisses at Sessions, from 1796 to the present period; these are numerically entered in the Civil Bill Books.—Files of the Affidavits of Persons registering their Freeholds in said County, from January 1796 to the present period; these are filed on eighteen separate Files, according to the number of Baronies in the County; these are first entered numerically and alphabetically in the County Book, and then entered alphabetically in their respective Baronies. The Act of the 45th of His present Majesty having prescribed a new Form and Entry of Registries of Freeholds under the value of Twenty Pounds, all Registries under that Act have been filed separately in their respective Baronies, and entered in another County Book and eighteen Barony Books, numerically and alphabetically; and all the Freehold Registries of Twenty Pounds yearly value and upwards, (remaining under the Regulations of the 35th of the King), are entered in the first set of Books, those under the yearly value of 20*l.* in the second. N. B. The entire of both these sets of Books (which cost upwards of 40*l.*) were bought and paid for by the Clerks of the Peace, the County refusing to present for them, as there was no provision in the Act of Parliament to that effect.—Poll Books used at the General Elections, which have been had in said County.—Copies of the several Charters or Patents for holding Manor Courts within said County, lodged with the Clerk of the Peace, pursuant to the Act of the of His present Majesty.—Files of Bonds and Certificates of Spirit Retailers in each year.—Files of Indictments for Misdemeanors tried at Sessions, from 1790 to the present period; these are entered numerically in the Crown Books of each Sessions. Vide Answer to 4th Quere.—Recognizances of Persons for Appearance at Sessions of the Peace, from 1790 to the present period.—Books; two General County Books and thirty-six Baronial Books, for entering the Registry of Freeholds, pursuant to the 35th and 45th of His present Majesty: there are complete Indexes to the Freehold Registries.—The several Imperial Statutes transmitted to the Clerk of the Peace, commencing 1801, to the present period.—Books of each Sessions, from October 1796 to the present period, containing the Entry numerically of the several Causes tried by Civil Bill at Sessions.—Books, containing the Names of all Persons registering their Arms pursuant to the several Statutes, from 4th April 1796 to the present period; these are entered alphabetically, and are an Index to the File.—Books, containing the Entry of all Indictments tried at Sessions, numerically, from 1796 to the present period; these are Indexes to the Files of Indictments.—A Book, containing alphabetically a full Entry or Copy of all Certificates and Affidavits made and registered of all Trees planted in the County, pursuant to the several Statutes relating to same, from July 1767 to the present time; these Entries are made according to the name of the Townland, and are an Index to the File of Affidavits.

(2.)—These Records are kept in a large front room or parlour, fitted up as an Office, in one of the best Houses in the Town of Trim (lately occupied by Henry Reynolds, deceased) which is situate in the centre of the Town, and convenient to the County Court House, has a good fireplace in it, and is free from damp; my Clerk or Deputy lives in the House, and from that circumstance, and its being situate in the centre of the Town, I conceive it to be safe and commodious for the purposes of an Office. The said Office is private property, and a sum of Twenty Pounds per annum is paid by the County for it; but the expense of fitting up the same as an Office, and of all Books, Stationary, and Fuel, is borne by the Clerk of the Peace.

(3.)—All the aforesaid Records in my possession are in a good state of Preservation, and severally arranged and classed under their respective titles and heads, in presses made by me for the purpose.

(4.)—The several Books stated in my Answer to the First Quere are complete Indexes and Catalogues to the respective Records to which they refer: viz. The two County Books, and 36 Barony Books, are Indexes to the several Affidavits made for registering Freeholds, pursuant to the 35th and 45th of His present

present Majesty. The Book of Registry of Trees is a complete and full Index to, and Abstract of, the several Affidavits and Certificates lodged in said Office respecting same. The Book of the Registry of Arms is a complete Index to the File of Affidavits of same. The several Crown Books are Indexes to the several Indictments preferred and tried at the respective Sessions; and the Civil Bill Books are complete numerical Indexes to the several Civil Bills tried at Sessions. And I know of no other Indexes, Catalogues, Calendars, Schedules or Repertories, that are wanting to said Records.

(5.)—I employ one permanent Clerk, who also (in case of my being unable to attend to my duty, from sickness or any other inevitable cause) acts as my Deputy; but as I attend personally to my Office, he seldom acts except as my Clerk, and he or I are always in attendance at said Office, which is open for business from ten o'clock in the Forenoon until three o'clock in the Afternoon of every day. I am also necessitated occasionally to employ another Clerk for about three months in every year, to assist us in said Office. But there is no Salary allowed or paid for them by the County; I must pay them myself; to my permanent Clerk or Deputy 40*l.* per annum, together with the Fees arising from Searches made in the Office, and the Sale of Civil Bill Summonses: I cannot exactly state what these may amount to annually, as he or I have kept no account of same; but should suppose the same cannot exceed the sum of 30*l.* per annum, for an average of the last three years. As to the other Clerk (which I am obliged occasionally to employ) I pay him eighteen shillings per week, for such time as I employ him. My Clerk or Deputy receives from the Public 1*s.* 8*d.* for every Search made relating to Crown business; one shilling for every other Search; and four-pence for every Civil Bill Summons: his duty in said Office is to regulate and keep said Records, make Searches in same, make the Entries required in said Books, and generally to assist me in the business of my said Office.

(6.)—Either I or my said Clerk or Deputy attend on every Person requiring Search to be made, and return the Records to their respective places.

(7.)—As the Laws now are (which relate to the duties of my Office, and the regulation of the Records therein) I know not of any other mode of rendering the use of the said Records more convenient to the Public; but as this Quere is very general, I have taken the liberty of humbly submitting, for the consideration of the Right Honourable the Commissioners, that some alteration is requisite in the Statutes, which would make the use of said Records more convenient to the Public.

First; with regard to the Qualification of Roman Catholics:—The Roll which is subscribed at Sessions or Assizes by Roman Catholics taking the Oaths and Declaration prescribed by the Statutes of the 13th and 14th and 33d of His present Majesty, is by the Statute directed to be returned to the Rolls Office at the end of every year; in consequence of this, great delay, inconvenience and expense is created at every Election; the Roman Catholic who comes to vote, and has either neglected to take out his Certificate before said original Roll has been returned, or who having taken out same, has lost it, is prevented from voting, and a messenger must be dispatched, from the most distant County of the Kingdom, to the Rolls Office, Dublin, to obtain a Certificate, which is perhaps with difficulty done. To obviate this, were only an attested Copy of the Roll to be transmitted to the Rolls Office, and the Clerk of the Crown or Peace to keep the original; or were they directed, before they transmit the original Roll, to transcribe in a Book (to be kept for that purpose) in alphabetical order, the name, residence, and addition, of the Persons taking such Oaths and Declaration, and subscribing same, and the time and place at which same was taken, either at Assizes or Sessions; and were such Book or Certificate from same, made sufficient Evidence of the Persons Qualification; a great inconvenience, delay and expense, would be avoided.

Secondly; with regard to the keeping and using of the original Affidavits of Freehold Registry, at every Election. In this instance the intention of the Legislature of conveniencing the Public (by expediting the polling of the Freeholders at Elections) is in a great measure defeated, for want of some provision in the Statutes with respect to the dividing and filing the original Affidavits on separate Files for each Barony, and appointing some Person to take charge of same in each Barony during the poll. The Certificate of the Registry is not evidence so long as the original Affidavit is in existence; and upon the Freeholders coming to poll, in the Book allotted to the Barony, the original Affidavit is resorted to; some Counties (viz. Meath) are divided into such a great number of Baronies, that it is impossible the Clerk of the Peace can attend in all of them with the original Records; and there is no provision in the Statute, indemnifying him, or directing him to deliver over the original Records to the Sheriff, or the Deputies appointed to the Booths; nor is there any Allowance made to him to provide confidential Clerks or Deputies to attend with them; if, to expedite the poll, he does (what he certainly is not authorized by Law to do) divide and deliver up the original Affidavits, and if they in consequence thereof are lost, destroyed or defaced, he is responsible; if he does not do so, the Election is delayed, as the polling in the Booth must stop until reference can be had to the original Affidavit, either by sending for the Clerk of the Peace and the Record, or going to wherever he remains during the Election with them, for it is impossible he can attend in all the different Baronies: by this, great delay is occasioned, a manifest inconvenience to the Public, and a great expense to the Candidates, created. I also humbly beg leave to represent to this Honourable Board, that some provision ought to be made as to the arrangement and preservation of the Imperial Statutes: there are a number sent to each County for the use of the Justices in Sessions, but there is no provision made

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for the arranging, binding, or preserving them in each of the Sessions Towns; there is but one Office, viz. in the County Town, provided for the Clerk of the Peace, although there are several Towns appointed in each County for holding the Sessions in, nor is there any provision made for the safe keeping of them in said Sessions Towns. The Counties do not present any sums for the purpose; and the consequence is, that they are lying in the different Post Offices throughout the Kingdom, in promiscuous heaps, out of which it would be almost impossible to form a perfect set, which at all events could be only done by an experienced bookbinder.

I have taken the liberty, in answer to the Seventh Quere, of submitting the above Matters to the consideration of the Right Honourable and Honourable the Commissioners on the Public Records in Ireland; and have the honour to be,

Their obedient and humble Servant,

Edward Elliot Chambers,
Clerk of the Peace, Meath.

140. TOWN CLERK OF TRIM.

ANSWERS to the several QUERIES directed by the Right Honourable and Honourable the Commissioners of Public Records in Ireland, to be transmitted to the TOWN CLERK of the Borough of Trim.

140. Town Clerk of Trim.

(1.)—THE several sorts of Public Records, Rolls, Instruments and Manuscript Books, in my custody, as Town Clerk of the Borough of Trim, are—Counterparts of the several Leases of Corporate Lands, and Renewals thereof, executed by the Portrieve, Burgesses and Freemen of said Corporation, from 5th May 1684 to the present period. Roll of the several Persons admitted to their Freedom in said Borough, who took and subscribed the Oath and Declaration as Protestants, from 1767 to the present period. Books of the Admission of said Burgesses and Freemen into said Corporation, from 1775 to the present period, stamped pursuant to the several Acts relative to the Stamp Duties payable on such Admissions. Books containing the several Public Transactions and Corporate Acts made in Assembly by said Corporation, from the year 1680 to the present period. Books containing the Issue, Proceedings under, and Trial of all Actions issued by the Chief Magistrate of said Corporation pursuant to the Charter, and the Findings and Proceedings thereon; together with the Names of the several Market and other Juries; from 1768 to the present period.

(2.)—The said Records are kept in a front Parlour of a good slated House, in the centre of the Town of Trim, and secure and commodious for the purposes of keeping the same.

(3.)—The said Records are in a good and sufficient state of Preservation, and are kept in a Press made for that purpose, and arranged under their respective Heads; and the said Office is my private property.

(4.)—There are no Indexes, Catalogues, or Repertories to said Records; nor are the same in any degree wanting.

(5.)—There is no Clerk employed by me in said Office, nor is any such at any time wanting, as I personally execute the Duties of said Office; and as I live in said House, I am always in readiness to attend to the said Office, and to make Search and do any other duty therein. The Fees demandable by me for each Search, are Two Shillings; and for Certificates of Admissions, Three Shillings and Four Pence; and the same, together with all other Fees payable to me in respect of the duties of my said Office, do not amount to the Sum of Ten Pounds per Annum, for the Average of the last Three years.

(6.)—This Quere is answered by the Answer to the Fifth Quere.

(7.)—I know not of any Matter or means necessary or expedient to observe, for rendering the use of the said Records more convenient to the Public.

All which I certify under my Hand and Seal of Office, this 16th day of January 1811.

E. Malone,
Town Clerk, Trim.

141. SOVEREIGN OF KELLS.

141. Sovereign of Kells.

SIR,

IN reply to Your's of the 18th September (covering the Paper herewith enclosed, demanding certain Answers to the Questions therein contained,) I have to say, that the Public Records of this Corporation consist in its Charter and Corporation Books; that they are in the best state of Preservation, and no manner of deficiency therein, and that they are in the safe keeping of the Marquis of Headfort, the Recorder.

I am,.Sir, &c.

Walter Keating,
Deputy Sovereign.

Kells, 31st October 1810.

Wm Shaw Mason, Esquire.

(8.) *Queen's County.*

142. PEACE CLERK.

The following are ANSWERS to the QUERIES directed by the Right Honourable the Commissioners on the Public Records in Ireland, relative to the Records of the Queen's County.

(1.)—THE Queen's County is divided into Nine Baronies, viz.; Maryboro East, Maryboro West, Upper Ossory, Tinnehinch, Portnehinch, Stradbally, Ballyadams, Slicumarigue, and Cullenagh. One large Book is kept, which contains all the Names of the Freeholders in said County, their Places of Abode, Amount of Freehold, Barony where Freehold is situate, Date of Registry, &c.; and also Nine Books, one for each Barony, which likewise contains the Names of all the Freeholders, with their Places of Abode, Amount of Freehold, Date of Registry, &c.; the Affidavits are arranged in numerical order; also a Book containing the Names of all the Roman Catholics who have qualified, with their Places of Abode, and Additions. The Rolls on which they subscribe their Names, are transmitted and kept in the Rolls Office, Dublin. A Book is kept, in which are entered the Affidavits of the Registry of Trees; the Affidavits are filed. A Book is provided, each General Quarter Session, in which Civil Bills are entered. A like Book is provided, each General Quarter Session, in which Crown Prosecutions are entered. The Officers of the Queen's County Regiment of Militia, and the Deputy Governors of said County, transmit their respective Qualifications to this Office. Nine Barony Books are kept, in which are entered the Names of Persons who register Fire Arms and Smiths Forges. A Book is kept, containing the Names of all the Publicans in said County, who procure Certificates from this Office to enable them to take out Licences. Magistrates' Commissions, Manor Charters, Returns of Manor Courts, Proceedings, &c. are filed amongst the Records of the County.

(2.)—I have appropriated two Rooms in my House (which are perfectly secure) for keeping the Records. I consider them public property, as I am paid by the County for an Office. I have at present the Walls of an Office in considerable progress, which shall be arched and completely finished before the first day of May next.

(3.)—The Records are in a perfect state of Preservation, and are generally arranged in numerical order.

(4.)—The Books mentioned in the Answer to the first Quere, are in alphabetical order; and the Records, &c. arranged so as not to create inconvenience or trouble in the perusal of them. The current business of the Office is very little if at all in arrear; and any arrear that exists shall be forthwith completed.

(5.)—My Deputy is constantly employed in my Office, and occasionally two or more Clerks, as the business requires. The Office is open every day, from eleven to three o'clock (with the exception of the days our General Quarter Sessions are holden, which, in general, occupy eight days in each Quarter). To my Deputy I pay 50 *l.* per annum; and to his Assistant Clerk, according to the times and places he is employed in, a sum not exceeding 30 *l.* per annum. The Deputy or his Clerk receive no Fees from the Public for their attendance, or for Searches. They have printed Schedules, extracted from the Acts of Parliament, stating the Fees allowed to my Office.

TABLE of FEES.—For registering and filing the Affidavit of a Freeholder, 1 *s.* 1 *d.*—For every Roman Catholic's Certificate of Qualification, administering the Oaths, and filing the Rolls in the Rolls Office, Dublin, 2 *s.* 2 *d.*—For drawing and filing an Affidavit of the Registry of Trees, together with a Certificate of the same, 2 *s.* 6 *d.*—For the Entry of each Civil Bill at the Quarter Sessions, 3 *d.*—For each Decree obtained at the said Sessions, 3 *d.*—For each Renewal of a Decree, 4 *d.*—For each Summons to compel Witnesses to attend, 4 *d.* The Fees in Crown Business are regulated by an Act of Parliament, bearing date 15th June 1809, intitled, "An Act to regulate the Fees payable to Clerks of the Crown and Peace, Sheriff, Gaoler, &c." To the Clerk of the Peace, for each Person that shall be tried, acquitted and discharged, without paying Fees, paid by Presentment, 1 *l.* 6 *s.* 8 *d.*—To the same, for a Crown Summons in which four Names may be inserted, 5 *s.*—To the same, for a Bench Warrant, 3 *s.* 4 *d.*—To the same, for a Certificate relative to Crown Business only, 3 *s.* 4 *d.*—To the same, for a Copy of an Indictment, 3 *s.* 4 *d.*—To the same, for every Copy of the Entry of such Indictment in Crown Book, 3 *s.* 4 *d.*—To the same, for every Copy of an Examination, 1 *s.* 8 *d.*—To the same, for every Search he shall be required to make amongst his Records, in relation to Crown Business, 1 *s.* 8 *d.*—To the same, for Rent of an Office for one year, paid by Presentment, 20 *l.*—To the same, in pursuance of the Militia Act, for one year, paid by Presentment, 20 *l.*—To the same, in pursuance of the Civil Bill Act, for one year, paid by Presentment, 20 *l.*—To the same, in pursuance of the Road Act, paid by Presentment, 20 *l.* On an Average for the last three years, my Fees and Emoluments, to the best of my belief, did not exceed from 250 *l.* to 300 *l.* per annum.

(6.)—When any Person applies for a Search among the Records, I attend myself, or my Deputy, who is in care of my Office, and has every Record, &c. duly and fairly restored to its proper place.

(7.)—I know of no Matters, not comprised in the preceding Answers, which are necessary or expedient to observe, for rendering the use of the said Records, &c. more convenient to the Public.

Arthur Roberts,
Clerk of the Peace, Queen's County.

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143. Town Clerk of Maryborough.

143. TOWN CLERK OF MARYBOROUGH.

The following are the best ANSWERS I can give to your QUERIES.

SIR,

(1.)—THERE is no Record belonging to this Borough, which I have ever seen, though I am conversant in its affairs for the last thirty-seven years, except the following:—Three Sheets of Parchment, whereon there is nothing inscribed, but the Oaths of the Burgomaster, Bailiffs, and Freemen (when elected); and three Manuscript Books, the oldest of which begins in the year 1739, in which there is nothing entered but a Copy of the Charter, the Election of Members of Parliament, the Election of Magistrates, the Admission of Freemen, and some insignificant Bye-Laws for the Government of the Borough.

(2.)—There is no Building, public or private, for keeping our Records; nor have we any but the before-mentioned, which the Town Clerk for the time being has in his custody, along with a Silver Mace.

(3.)—The most ancient of the three Books has lost some leaves, and it has been newly bound a few years ago.

(4.)—There are no Indexes or Catalogues, but an Account of different Elections for Members of Parliament, Magistrates, and Freemen, entered in the order in which they happened.

(5.)—There is no Officer but the Town Clerk, who is appointed by the Burgomaster for the time being, who only enters the above-mentioned transactions as they happen; nor is there any attendance, only on Election days; nor is there any Salary or Fees.

(6.)—There is no Officer but the before-mentioned Town Clerk, who has the care or custody of the Books, &c.; nor any Search ever made, except on Elections, which are only then done to ascertain whether the Person offering to vote is entitled so to do.

The scarcity of Papers belonging to this Borough, I think is owing to the frequent contests between different men about making a property of it; and the party worsted or turned out, kept every thing they got in their hands from the person who was successful.

I am, Sir, &c.

Wm Simpson.

Maryborough, October 18th, 1810.

Wm Shaw Mason, Esquire,
&c. &c. &c.

144. Recorder of Portarlington.

144. RECORDER OF PORTARLINGTON.

SIR,

Dublin, 79, Aungier-street, 8th April 1811.

I HAVE to acquaint you, for the information of the Right Honourable the Commissioners on the Public Records in Ireland, that there are not in my care or custody (as Recorder of Portarlington, or otherwise) any Records or Documents of a public nature or description whatever; and that the only Books and Papers belonging to the said Corporation are, the Books in which the private Proceedings of the Corporation are entered, of the Business done on the respective Charter Days, and which are in the possession of the Sovereign of the said Town; there not being any Court of Record, or any Jurisdiction of a civil or criminal nature, belonging to or incident to the said Corporation, by Charter or otherwise.

I am, Sir, &c.

J. D. Clarke.

Wm Shaw Mason, Esquire,
&c. &c. &c.

(9.) *Westmeath.*

145. PEACE CLERK.

The ANSWER of John and Jonathan Ardill, CLERKS OF THE PEACE for the County of Westmeath, to QUERIES of the Commissioners on Public Records.

145. Peace Clerk, Westmeath.

(1.)—THE Public Records, Rolls, Instruments, and Manuscript Books and Papers, in our custody, as Keepers of the Records of said County, are, Examinations, Indictments and Recognizances; Affidavits of the Registry of Freeholds, and the Manuscript Books in which same are entered; the Affidavits of the Registry of Trees, and the Manuscript Books in which same are entered, pursuant to the Planting Act; the Roll for Qualification of Roman Catholics for the present year, the former Files being filed in the Rolls; such Qualifications for Commissions in the Militia and Deputy Governors as have been sent to us; and the Returns of Actions tried at Manor Courts, as sent to us by the Seneschals, since we came into office in the year 1785; and the Civil Bill Books, and Affidavits for Renewal of Decrees, since the commencement of the Civil Bill Act, in the 36th year of His present Majesty's Reign.

(2.)—The above-mentioned Records and Books are kept in a safe, dry, and permanent Office, in the Town of Mullingar, paid for at the expense of the County, and the same is private property.

(3.)—The said Records are in a safe, good, and perfect state, and arranged as follow:—The Examinations, Indictments, Recognizances, and Issues of the Jury, for each Sessions, are tied up in separate Parcels, and labelled on the outside. The Affidavits of the Registry of Freeholds are on distinct Barony Files, and entered

in the Barony Books, in alphabetical order. The Affidavits to register Trees are kept together in numerical order, to correspond with the Entries in the Books; and the Civil Bill Books, and Affidavits made to renew Decrees, are kept together.

(4.)—There are not any other Catalogues, Calendars, Schedules, Repertories, or Indexes, to the said Records or Papers; nor do we conceive any other necessary, or that any utility would result therefrom.

(5.)—We employ our Clerks or Apprentices at each Sessions, to assist us in the business of the Sessions, and making up and regulating the several matters herein-before specified; and we afterwards keep the custody thereof ourselves; and we attend and make any Search required. There are not any Salaries paid or payable to our said Clerks by the Public. We charge for a Search for any matter (if only required to be made among the Records of one Sessions) 1 *s.* only; if longer, 1 *s.* for each Sessions. The whole of the Fees arising on such Searches annually does not amount to 40 *s.* The Fees for Certificates and Copies of said Records are regulated by a late Act of Parliament, passed in the 49th year of His present Majesty's Reign, intitled, "The Assizes Fee Bill;" and we cannot give any Average of the Emoluments arising from such Searches, Certificates, or Copies (as mentioned in said 5th Quere,) we not having kept any account thereof.

(6.)—Is answered by the foregoing Answers.

(7.)—There does not appear to us any Matters, not comprised in the said Queries, which would be expedient or necessary to observe.

John & Jonathan Ardill,
Clerks of the Peace, County of Westmeath.

146. RECORDER AND TOWN CLERK OF ATHLONE.

ANSWERS of the TOWN CLERK of the Corporation of Athlone, to the QUESTIONS by the Commissioners on the Public Records in Ireland; dated First Fruits Office, Dublin, the 18th of September 1810.

(1.)—THERE are no other Records belonging to the Corporation of Athlone but a Manuscript Book of Entries of the Proceedings, Elections, and Names of Magistrates, &c. annually, from the year 1698-9 to the year 1810.

(2.)—This Book is lodged, for the use of the Corporation, with the Town Clerk, and kept in his own house.

(3.)—It is bound in three volumes, is in good Preservation, and arranged in annual order.

(4.)—Is without Catalogues or Indexes, which are not necessary.

(5.)—The Town Clerk is the proper Officer whose duty it is to keep and make use of it; his Salary is paid to him at the rate of 10 *l.* a year as Town Clerk, by the Corporation; no Fees are received.

(6.)—No other Person is intrusted with the care of this Record.

(7.)—These Answers to the Questions proposed by the Commissioners, it is presumed, will be found sufficient to shew the nature and use of this (the only) Record in the possession of the Corporation of Athlone; which I certify, this 31st day of October 1810.

Thomas Naghten,
Deputy Recorder and Town Clerk of Athlone.

To Wm Shaw Mason, Esquire,
&c. &c. &c.

(10.) *Wexford.*

147. PEACE CLERK.

SIR,

IN obedience to the Order of the Right Honourable the Commissioners on the Public Records in Ireland, I have herein sent you, for their information, Answers to the Queries with which I have been furnished; remarking at the same time, that all the Records, of every kind and description, belonging to the Clerk of the Peace's Office of the County of Wexford, were destroyed in the Rebellion of 1798; and that I have been but one year and five months in office, under Sir Frederick Flood, Baronet, Custos Rotulorum for said County. Mr. John Roberts, now resident in the Town of Wexford, had, for many years before, acted in that capacity, under Charles Marquis of Ely, since deceased; and, after his Lordship's death, held over and acted in opposition to me, till Mr. Roberts was legally evicted in Easter Term 1809, by the unanimous decision of the Court of King's Bench, after a solemn hearing; whereupon, after repeated applications, Mr. Roberts handed over to me the following Books, Records and Papers, and none other; viz.

(1.)—One large Book, commencing 13th January 1800, containing the Names of the Freeholders of the County, alphabetically placed.—Eight Barony Books, commencing same time; containing, alphabetically, the Names of the Freeholders of each Barony.—One County Book, commencing 25th November 1805; containing, alphabetically, all the Names of the Freeholders in the County, registered from 25th November 1805 to the present day.—Eight Barony Books, copied alphabetically from the above County Book.—Eight Poll Books, used by Sheriffs and Deputies for Baronies, on a contested Election in May 1806, between Cæsar Colclough and William Congreve Alcock, Esquires.—One Book, containing Names and Additions of

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Persons professing the Roman Catholic Religion, qualified to vote pursuant to Act, &c. and commencing 7th August 1809.—One Book, containing Registry of Trees since October 1800, and also the original Affidavits of said Registries.—One Book, containing Names and Residence of Persons qualified to keep Fire Arms, commencing 27th November 1799; and also the original Affidavits.—Examinations, Indictments, Recognizances, and Verdicts of Juries, &c. for the years 1800, 1801, 1802, 1803, 1804, 1805, 1806, 1807, 1808, 1809, and 1810.—Two Crown Books, commencing January 1810.—One Crown Book, commencing October 1802, and ending October 1808.—Civil Bill Books, for the years 1800, 1801, 1802, 1803, 1804, 1805, 1806, 1807, 1808, 1809, and 1810.—Spirit Licence Bonds, entered into for the years 1808, 1809, and 1810.—Notice of Reverend Thomas Handcock and Reverend William Glasscock, to act as Deputy Governors.—Extracts from King's Patents, for granting Manors of Monart, Ballyhogue, and Tintern, to the Colclough family, lodged 8th January 1810.

(2.)—The Records, &c. before mentioned are lodged in a Dwelling-house adjoining the Market-house, in the Town of Enniscorthy (being the most central part of the County,) in an Office which I rent for the purpose. I conceive the house to be as safe as any other private house in the County; but I am free to own the accommodation is very inadequate, and not calculated for an Office of such importance.

(3.)—The Records are quite perfect, from the time mentioned in my Answer to the 1st Quere up to the present time, and are arranged in alphabetical order.

(4.)—I know of no defect in any of the Records or Books in my possession.

(5.)—I keep one confidential Clerk, at a Salary of 100 *l.* per annum; and in case of hurry can call in copying and engrossing Clerks, to meet the necessity of the case; my principal and confidential Clerk lodges and resides in the house wherein the Records are kept, and devotes almost every hour to the business of the Office; he has no Emolument whatever. With respect of the Fees demandable in my Office, I beg leave to refer your Lordships to the 49th of the King, intitled, "An Act to regulate the Fees payable by Persons "charged with Treason, Felony, and all other Offences at Assizes and Quarter Sessions in Ireland."

	£.	s.	d.
The gross Amount of the Proceeds of my Office, for one year ending July 1810, amounts	354	4	4½
To my Clerk — £. 100 0 0			
Rent of an Office — 20 0 0			
For Books, Printing, Advertisements, Stationary, Notices, Carriage Hire, and Travelling Expenses — 100 0 0			
	220	0	0
Net Annual Amount	£. 134	4	4½

(6.)—My Clerk, Mr. Robert Lee (who is my second cousin,) and who has accepted of the office purely to oblige me, and who would not serve for twice the Salary under any other Person, is the only one intrusted with the care of the Records, and whose duty it is, in my absence, to take care that every Record, &c. be duly and fairly restored to its proper place. There is no particular name to his Office; every thing necessary to be signed, appertaining to the Office, is signed by myself.

(7.)—I humbly conceive it would not only be necessary, but highly expedient, that some Building should be erected or procured for the more safe keeping of the Public Records, and for the convenience of the Clerk of the Peace and his Assistants.

I am ready and willing (as also my Clerk) to testify on Oath the accuracy of the Account herein set forth, as to Fees and Disbursements; and it will be for your Lordships and Honours to report, whether you think any Person of character would undergo the fatigue and responsibilty of so arduous and laborious an Office, for what, I trust, you will be of opinion is greatly inadequate to the due performance of the incessant and laborious discharge of the duties of it.

James Lee,
Clerk of the Peace, County Wexford.

To the Secretary of the Commissioners on the Public Records of Ireland.

148. TOWN CLERK OF WEXFORD.

The ANSWER of Thomas Jones, TOWN CLERK of Wexford, to the QUERIES addressed to him by Order of the Right Honourable the Commissioners on the Public Records in Ireland.

148. Town Clerk of Wexford.

THE Charter of Wexford, granted in the seventh year of King James the First of England, and forty-third of Scotland, gives and grants power to the Chief Magistrate and Bailiffs, to hold one Court any Monday from fifteen to fifteen before the said Chief Magistrate and Bailiffs; and that in said Court they might have full Power and Jurisdiction of trying, hearing and determining all and all manner of Actions, as well real as personal, and mixed Suits, Complaints and Trusts, of all and all sorts and singular Lands, Tenements, Debts, Withholdings, Transgressions, Accounts, Convictions, Avoidances, Replevins, Contracts, Causes and Matters whatsoever, to whatsoever sums they shall amount, sued in the said Town or Borough, and the Franchises and Liberties thereof, and not existing, issuing or happening elsewhere; and that the said Chief Magistrate and Bailiffs of said Town or Borough for the time being should have full power and authority

of holding, hearing and determining Pleadings, and other Complaints, according to due form of and of proceeding to Judgment thereupon, and to make execution thereupon according to the Laws and Customs of his Kingdom of England or Ireland; with power to build a Gaol or Prison, and to have the charge thereof; and also grants to the said Chief Magistrate, Bailiffs, Free Burgesses and Community of said Town or Borough, and their Successors, that they might for ever have, receive and retain in their power, all and all manner of Fines, Issues, Forfeitures and Amerciaments in the said Courts, as often and as from time to time to be imposed, together with all other Profits, Perquisites and Commodities, to the said Court belonging, or in anywise forthcoming or arising thereout, for the better support and maintenance of the Town or Borough aforesaid, without Account, or other thing thereout, to be rendered, paid or made to the King, his Heirs or Successors.

The Corporation have always exercised their powers, and in the first instance have issued Attachments against the Goods, Assetts and Effects of Debtors, to any Amount, and the Bailiffs have seized same within the Jurisdiction of the Town, and held them in custody or to Bail until the termination of the Suit; and this Right has since been confirmed to them by Act of Parliament.

The practice in these inferior Courts has been considerably lessened by the Civil Bill Act, the Proceedings on which are more summary and less expensive; and the late Establishment of a Court of Conscience in the said Town of Wexford, makes these modes of proceeding more desirable for the recovery of Small Debts, yet does not lessen the utility of this Court for the recovery of larger Sums within the Corporation.

In the late Rebellion, the whole of the Books and Manuscripts relative to said Tholsel Court were destroyed; and for these four years last past, there has not been any Cause entered in said Court, although regular Adjournments (from fifteen days to fifteen days) have been duly made.

Your Reporter submits, with all due deference to the Right Honourable the Commissioners on Public Records, whether obtaining from the Cities of Dublin, Cork, or Waterford, or other great Commercial Town or Towns (holding such Courts) complete Copies of the Practice, Rules, Orders, Fees, Costs, and other Documents, from the commencement of such Suits to their final Issue, and levying the Debts adjudged thereon, would render this Court more useful and advantageous, as well to the Public as the Inhabitants of said Town.

Your Reporter holds the Office of Town Clerk by election of the Corporation, at a small Salary paid out of their Funds; and has the custody of the Book for the registering their Acts, which he keeps in his own House in the Town of Wexford; and he has no Salary for his trouble and attendance in the Court of Record, and has not these three years last past received Five shillings in the whole, for Fees in said Court.

Reporter conceives the Town Clerk (without any Assistant) would be fully competent to do the Duties of the Court of Record; but the Fees arising therefrom are very inadequate to remunerate such Town Clerk for his trouble.

Your Reporter imagines there must be some mistake in applying to him as Town Clerk of Fethard, Bannow, and Clonmines, your Reporter never having had any intimation of his being appointed Town Clerk to these Corporations.

Your Reporter has the honour to be, &c.

Thomas Jones.

149. TOWN CLERK OF NEW ROSS.

SIR, Ross, November 3d 1810.

I HAD the honour to receive your Letter, which I should have answered before now, but have been from home.

Shortly after the death of the late Town Clerk of this Town (who had been murdered in the Rebellion of 1798), I succeeded to the Office, and found amongst his Papers some trifling Records of Suits, depending in the Record Court of Ross, which are now in my Office in the same state of Preservation in which I found them, not arranged in order.

For several years past there has not been any Record Business transacted in the Record Court of Ross, and therefore (as far as I am capable of judging) I do not imagine that any degree of utility would result to the Public from the same Records being completed; and I do not know of any other Public Records, belonging to the Court of Record of New Ross, to exist elsewhere.

I beg leave to assure you, that I shall be always ready to give you any further information in my power, whenever you may please to call on me so to do.

I have the honour to be, &c.

To Wm Shaw Mason, Esquire.

Robert Rogers.

APPENDIX.

Leinster Province: Wicklow.

(11.) *Wicklow.*

150. PEACE CLERK.

150. Peace Clerk.

SIR,

(1.)—IN pursuance of the Requisition of the Right Honourable the Commissioners appointed to investigate the Public Records in Ireland, communicated to me through you, I beg leave to state, that the Records of the County of Wicklow committed to my care, are of a twofold nature. The First, consisting of matters relating to Criminal Jurisdiction: the Second, which are rather miscellaneous, namely; the Proceedings of the Civil Bill Court; the Crown and other Books of Sessions; the Registry of the Freeholders of the County; Persons entitled to keep Arms; Bakers; Trees; Qualification of Magistrates and other Persons in Offices of Trust; Qualifications of Officers entitled to hold Commissions in the Regimental Militia of the County; Roman Catholics Qualifications; Proceedings at Manor Courts and Courts Leet; the Proceedings under Spirit Licence Act; Persons entitled to vend Gunpowder; and also to receive Family Allowance Money under Militia Act. To the former of these no precise Dates can be fixed; as to the latter, they have commenced with the different Acts of Parliament under which they are respectively founded, and upon which Proceedings no chasm or deficiency occurred (as far as I have been able to collect,) except as to the Qualification of Officers in the Militia, and Returns of their Appointment, which have not been made to my Office some time past.

(2.)—The Records are kept in an Office (rented for the purpose by the Clerk of the Peace) contiguous to the Court House of Wicklow, and are lodged in two large presses or lockers-up, to which no Person has access save himself or his Deputy; the House is consequently private property.

(3.)—The Records on the Crown side, as to business of each Session, are regularly inrolled and indorsed; that of the Civil, on different Files, on which they are respectively arranged according to dates and numbers; both being previously entered in alphabetical order, in Books kept for the purpose.

(4.)—These are, generally speaking, tolerably correct; some have Indexes, others not; but all can be referred to with little or no difficulty.

(5.)—The Persons employed in this Office, are the Clerk of the Peace and his Deputy, whose Duty it is (with other matters incident to the Office) to attend to and arrange the Records after each Session or Adjournment thereof, who give constant attendance at any time when called on; to whom a Salary not exceeding 20*l.* per annum is granted by Presentment; and by an Act of 49th King Geo. III, 101. (by which the Fees payable in Crown cases are at present regulated) a Fee of 1*s.* 8*d.* is allowed him on each Search, and 3*s.* 4*d.* for a Copy of each Record; a sum of 10*l.* for Duties of Chairman's Act; 10*l.* for Duties of Registry of Arms; 10*l.* Duties of Militia Act; 40*s.* each Session for registering Bakers; 5 per cent for Money accounted for at Sessions under Road Act; and which several Fees the Grand Jury may at their discretion present. The Clerks receive no Salary or Emolument whatever from the Public, but such as is usually paid them by the Clerk of the Peace or his Deputy.

(6.)—There is no other Person (except those alluded to) intrusted with the Records, nor is there any other Regulation, excepting those specified.

(7.)—It does not occur to me that there are any other Matters to be observed on, except those suggested in your Queries.

I have the honour to be, &c.

John Mills,
Acting Clerk Peace, County Wicklow.

Wm Shaw Mason, Esquire,
&c. &c. &c.

151. ASSISTANT BARRISTER.

ANSWERS of the ASSISTANT BARRISTER of the County of Wicklow, to the QUERIES addressed to him by His Majesty's Commissioners on the Public Records.

151. Assistant Barrister, Wicklow.

SIR,

(1.)—IN answer to the several Queries put to me, I shall first observe, that the Clerk of the Peace, being the Deputy of the Custos Rotulorum, is the Keeper of all the Records of the County; and that there are not any Records, of any nature whatsoever, in my custody, as Assistant Barrister of the County of Wicklow: and this, I trust, is a full answer to the first Quere, which can be fully and completely explained by the Clerk of the Peace only.

(2.)—The Records are kept by the Clerk of the Peace (to the best of my knowledge) in his Lodgings in the Towns of Wicklow and Baltinglass, being the only Towns for holding Sessions in the County of Wicklow. They are, I believe, lodged in small Presses made for the purpose, in a bad condition for security or accommodation; and such Buildings are private property.

(3.)—I know nothing of the state of Preservation of the several Records, save what relate to the General Sessions of the Peace; and they are, since my time, viz. fourteen years, contained in bound Books, and in a perfect state of Preservation.

(4.)—I believe there are not complete Catalogues, Calendars or Repertories, or any particular Index; but for certainty in this, I must refer to the Clerk of the Peace; I cannot, therefore, state in what respect they are defective,

defective, or what utility would result from their being completed; nor any further answer to the remainder of the 4th Quere.

(5.)—There is no other Officer employed for the custody and arrangement of the Sessions Records, than the Clerk of the Peace. It is his duty to arrange and take care of those Records, and have them forthcoming when called upon at the General Sessions of the Peace. But there are other Sessions and Adjournments, for the purpose of registering Freeholds and licensing Publicans, with which the Assistant Barrister (as such) has no interference. Their days and hours of attendance at the General Sessions of the Peace, are fixed at October Sessions, and vary according to the will of the Assistant Barrister; he having the power of fixing the days of holding the General Quarter Sessions in each Session Week, in order more effectually to enable him to perform the journey and do the duty. I do not know the net annual Salary, Allowance or Emolument of the Clerk of the Peace: he is the only Person who can answer that, or the different Fees to which he is entitled; as they depend on a great variety of Acts of Parliament, and partly upon common usage; and he (of course) can only ascertain the average amount thereof for the last three years.

(6.)—The only Person intrusted with the care of these Records, or whose duty it is to attend on every Search, and take care that they be duly and faithfully restored to their proper place, is the Clerk of the Peace or his Deputy; and there is no other regulation, that I know of, for effecting that purpose.

(7.)—There are not any Matters, uncomprised in the Questions put to me, which would render those Records more convenient to the Public, except it were having a Public Office for containing them, and an Officer to attend at all times, to permit an inspection of them by Persons entitled. The Clerk of the Peace generally lives in Dublin, and attends only at Sessions; and I believe there is no access to them in his absence.

Having said so much, I am to refer you, for full and complete satisfaction on those various points, to the Clerk of the Peace for the County of Wicklow.

I have the honour to be, &c.

Townley Patten Filgate.

18th January 1811.

To Wm Shaw Mason, Esquire.

152. RECORDER OF WICKLOW.

Wicklow, February 15, 1811.

BY desire of Henry Tighe, Esq. Recorder of Wicklow, I send a RETURN of the Records of that Borough;

And am, &c.

James Corcoran.

1st. ORIGINAL Charter granted in the eleventh year of James first:—2d. The first Corporation Book (commencing June 24, 1659, and ending September 29, 1707) contains 163 pages, wants first page, vellum cover, in tolerable good condition. This Book was produced and proved in Court by Thomas Foulkes, Deputy Portrieve, at his examination in the case of John Hoey, Esq. versus the Portrieve, &c. and John Chamney Senior, and signed Richard Lambert, Plaintiff's Counsel, and William Todd, Defendants:—3d. The next Corporation Book commences the 24th June 1708, contains 256 pages, in tolerable condition, vellum cover, ends with the 24th June 1762:—4th. A third Corporation Book, commences the 29th of September 1762, and ends with the 29th of September 1810, bound in calf-skin, in good order:—5th. Another Book (which seems to have been used when something prevented recourse to the other Books;) it commences June 19th, 1741, and ends September 30th, 1745. The greater part of it is a Court Record, commencing September 6th, 1743, and ending December 27th, 1748; vellum cover, not in good order:—6th. First Court Book, commencing January 13th, 1732, and ending January 29th, 1754:—7th. Second Ditto, commencing February 19th, 1754, and ending the 29th of October 1808, both bound in calf-skin, and in good order.

These are all the Records belonging to the Corporation, and are kept by the Portrieve for the time being. There is no certain Fee for examining them.

James Corcoran.

153. TOWN CLERK OF BALTINGLASS.

RIGHT HONOURABLE SIR,

I RECEIVED a Letter, with printed directions respecting the Public Records, Books, &c. as Town Clerk of Baltinglass. I do not doubt but I might have been appointed some years ago to do that business, but never had an Office, Books, Salary, or Clerks. I do not doubt but there are Books in Baltinglass, respecting the Borough business, which I might find out, and the Church business. If there be any further business in my power to do, I would cheerfully do it. I do business for the Earl of Aldborough, who is landlord of Baltinglass. If there is any one to be held in the station, I would wish to know how I was to be paid, and the particular business I was to do, and what Salary.

Any commands directed to John Browne, Belan, Castledermott, shall be attended with punctuality, as I am mostly every second day in Baltinglass.

I have the honour to be, Your obedient Servant,

October 27, 1810.

John Browne.

I write this from Wexford, where I am doing some business for Lord A.

To the Right Honourable William Wellesley Pole,
&c. &c. &c.

APPENDIX.

Munster Province: Clare.

(5.) MUNSTER.

(1.) *Clare.*

154. PEACE CLERK.

To the Honourable the Commissioners on Public Records in Ireland.

The ANSWERS of Robert Keane, CLERK OF THE PEACE for the County of Clare, to the QUERIES of said Commissioners.

154. Peace Clerk.

(1.)—THE Records deposited in my Office as Keeper of the Records of said County are, the Crown Books, whereon Indictments are entered against the several Persons tried at Sessions; all the Informations, with the Bills of Indictment annexed thereto, preferred to the different Grand Juries; the several Recognizances entered into before the different Magistrates; the Issues returned by the Petty Jurors on the several Trials; the Precepts and Panels returned to me by the several Sheriffs; the Civil Bill Books, containing the Names of the Parties concerned in each Cause, with the Rule or Decree made on such Entry, and the amount thereof; the several Affidavits made by the Party on the renewal of every Decree and Dismiss made at Sessions; the several Recognizances entered into by the Persons appealing from such Decree or Dismiss pronounced by the Assistant Barrister for said County; the several Affidavits made by all Freeholders at the time of their respective Registries, all filed in Alphabetical and Baronial order, and transcribed from said Affidavits into County and Baronial Schedules in proper order, agreeably to the several Acts of Parliament in that case made and provided; the Rolls containing the Names of the Roman Catholic Freeholders, who have taken the Oaths of Allegiance; the several Bonds entered into by the Retailers of Spirits; the several Schedules, Affidavits and other papers relating to Insolvent Debtors who have been discharged at Sessions; the Affidavits made by Persons who have registered Trees; the Affidavits made by Smiths, who have registered Forges; by Persons registering Arms; and of the different Bakers who have been registered in said County since my coming into office in 1801, and previous thereto.

(2.)—The Records are kept by me in an Office in the Town of Ennis and County of Clare; its condition as to security, is no other than is usual in private houses; the remaining part of said house is occupied by my Clerk, who lives and resides therein; said house is private property.

(3.)—The Records are in proper Preservation, arranged and deposited on different Files, with labels affixed to each, specifying the date and use of each Record.

(4.)—There are not any other Catalogues, Indexes or Repertories to said Records, but such as are already mentioned relative to the Registry of Freeholders, none of which are defective; nor do I conceive any others necessary.

(5.)—I attend the Business belonging to my Office constantly, with the assistance of two Clerks; and said Office is open at all seasonable hours for the accommodation of the Public, from whom said Clerks receive no Salary.

The FEES on Searches are regulated by an Act of Parliament, made in the 49th year of His present Majesty's Reign, intitled, "An Act for regulating the Fees of Prisoners at Assizes and Quarter Sessions in Ireland." The whole of which Fees received for said Searches does not amount to Three Pounds annually.

(6.)—The sixth Quere is answered by the foregoing Answer.

(7.)—There does not appear to me any Matters, not comprised in the said Queries, which it would be expedient or necessary to observe.

Robert Keane,
Clerk Peace, County Clare.

(2.) *Cork.*

155. PEACE CLERK.

ANSWERS of the CLERK OF THE PEACE of the County of Cork, to certain QUERIES directed by the Commissioners on the Public Records in Ireland, referred to in a Letter from their Secretary, William Shaw Mason, Esquire, dated the 18th of September 1810.

155. Peace Clerk, Cork.

(1.)—AS Clerk of the Peace of the County of Cork, I have the custody of the following Records, &c.—Crown Books, from the year 1754 to the present time:—Capias Books (in which are alphabetical Entries of all Bills of Indictment found), from the year 1748 to the present time:—Informations and Recognizances returned to the Office, from the year 1740 to the present time, with the several Bills of Indictment preferred thereon, whether true or ignored, on separate Files:—The original Affidavits for registering Freeholds:—The Freeholders' Books of the County at large, alphabetically arranged:—The like for the separate Baronies:—The Books in which the Names of Roman Catholics, taking the Oaths required, are entered in alphabetical order:—

The File of Affidavits of the Registry of Trees :—The Book in which the same are entered and registered, with an alphabetical Index thereto :—The Files of Spirit License Bonds, from 1797 to the present time :—Registry of Arms, Registry of Forges, Registry of Manufactories, from the times the same became necessary, to the present time :—Civil Bill and Renewal Books of the Sessions, from 1796 to the present time :—Attested Copies of Manor-Courts Patents :—Qualifications of Militia Officers and Deputy Governors of the County. Since my entering upon my office (in the year 1794), I am not aware that there are any chasms or deficiencies in the Records; but those of the earlier periods, owing to their having been formerly kept on a ground floor in the Offices belonging to the old Court House, considerably below the level of the street, were much injured by a sudden flood, which overflowed the greater part of the City of Cork, about twenty years since.

(2.)—There has not been any Building peculiarly appropriated to the lodgement of the Records; but, on the erection of a new Court House and Offices, I applied a small Room on an upper floor to the purpose. This Room is very small and inconvenient, and not well adapted; but being inclosed within the precincts of the Court House (where the Court Keeper resides) it is tolerably secure.

(3.)—The Records, from the year 1740 to 1779, are kept in large Boxes, each containing Records of ten years; and from the latter period to the present time inclusive, the Records of each year are contained in a separate Box, with the exception of the Books, which are arranged in order on Shelves, and the several Files of Affidavits, which are deposited in a large Press; and the whole are in tolerable good Preservation, with the foregoing exceptions.

(4.)—There are no Catalogues nor Repertories, nor any more particular Indexes than as before stated; nor do I conceive any benefit they would be of to the public service. But should any such be deemed expedient, I have no doubt but the Persons at present employed by me would be fully competent to form the same, without any further assistance, and in as short a time as possible; but in what time exactly, it would be impossible to form even a conjecture.

(5.)—There are no Officers nor Clerks employed for the particular custody or arrangement of the Records in my Office, and paid by the Public; but being also Clerk of the Crown of the County of Cork, I employ, at my own expense, two Deputies and two Clerks, for the purpose of executing and assisting me in the general duties of my Offices, and (amongst others) the custody, regulation and arrangement of the Public Records. The hours of attendance for which purposes, are from ten to four o'clock each day (Sundays excepted,) and frequently a longer attendance is necessary. To these I pay considerable Salaries; and they also receive such Fees for Searches, &c. as are appointed by the Act of the 49th of the present King; but the same being by no means considerable, and no account having been ever kept of them, I cannot return any average thereof.

(6.)—There is no Person especially intrusted with the care of said Records, other than myself and my Deputies and Clerks, to whom I commit the same; and who attend upon every Search, and take care that the Records be duly and fairly restored to the proper places.

(7.)—I am not aware of any other Matter (not comprised in this statement) necessary or material for rendering the use of the said Records more convenient to the Public.

James Chatterton,
Clerk of the Peace, County of Cork.

156. PEACE CLERK FOR THE CITY OF CORK.

The ANSWER of the CLERK OF THE PEACE of the City of Cork, to the QUERIES received from the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners of Public Records.

(1.)—THE Public Records in this Office consist of the several Informations returned into it; the several Bills of Indictment drawn thereon, and returned, found or ignored; the Lists of the Juries, with their respective Findings on the several Indictments tried by them; the Affidavits made respecting those Indictments; all which are kept on Files. The Books of this Office consist of an alphabetical Book of all Bills found, and such of them as have been tried, marked respectively, (this Book is called a Capias Book); and the Court Book, in which the Proceedings in the Sessions Court are entered; (these relate to Criminal Prosecutions). There is also a File on which Affidavits for registering Freeholders are filed; and two alphabetical Books for registering them, one for 40*s.* Freeholders, and the other for Freeholders of 20*l.* and 50*l.* There is also an alphabetical Book of Entry of Persons directed (by the Justices of the Peace) to be licensed; and the Bonds they enter into when they get Certificates for selling Spirituous Liquors: and Rolls of Oaths of Qualifications (which are returned to the Rolls office.) These Records can be traced for the last twenty years, viz. for the time that the present Clerk of the Peace has been in office; but, without going through them, it cannot be ascertained whether there be any chasms, but it is rather supposed not. There are some Books containing Proceedings prior to that period, which he found in the Office, and which still are preserved, but not in any order; nor can he account for the chasms in them.

(2.)—These Records are in a very inconvenient Room over the Public Office (which is also the Crown and City Office). Its condition, both as to security and accommodation, is very bad. It is private property, and is rented with the Office.

(3.)—The

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156. Peace Clerk for the City of Cork.

(3.)—The Records, for the time before mentioned, are in a good state of Preservation; they are settled as regularly as the place in which they are kept will admit of; Files being rolled and indorsed, but obliged (for want of room) to be heaped one over another, and the Books obliged to be kept in the same way.

(4.)—There are not complete and correct general Catalogues nor Indexes, except the alphabetical Register to the Books before mentioned; such perhaps may be useful, so far as that (if necessity should at any time require a Search to be made) they could be more readily resorted to, but this very seldom happens, for any time back.

(5.)—There is no Officer or Clerk particularly employed for the custody and arrangement of the Records in this Office, nor is there any Salary or Allowance from the Public for any such Officer; the Clerk attending the business of the Office, when called upon to make a Search or give a Copy of a Record, charges for his Fee what is allowed by the Statute of the 49th year of the King, chap. 101. and no more; these, on an average of the last three years, do not annually exceed 5*l*.

(6.)—There is no Person specially charged with the care of these Records; the Clerk in the Office always makes the Search himself, and of course restores the File or Book to its former place.

(7.)—The Clerk of the Peace begs leave to remark, that the Court of Quarter Sessions of Cork is held every Monday in the year, by the Recorder or his Deputy, and that the business has increased considerably within the last two years, in consequence of the Judges of Assize having directed all Indictments for Misdemeanors to be tried at the Quarter Sessions; there is no provision whatever to recompense the Recorder or his Deputy for the discharge of the duties of their office, on which the peace of the City so much depends.

157. TOWN CLERK OF CORK.

The Town Clerk of Cork's Answer to the Queries transmitted by the Secretary to the Board of Commissioners of Public Records.

157. Town Clerk of Cork.

(1.)—THIS Office contains two descriptions of Records; one relates to a Court of Record held in said City by prescription, for determining Civil Suits; the other relates to the Body Corporate. The Court Records consist of Books, wherein are kept Entries of all Processes that issue from the Court.—Separate Files, containing all the Writs issued from the Court, and returned into it; Warrants, Declarations, Appearances, Pleas and other Pleadings, Affidavits made and filed in the Court, Records of Issues which have been tried therein, and the several Pleadings relating thereto; and a Book, wherein are entered all Rules. The periods to which the same relate, could not at all be distinguished beyond the last 20 years, and within that time chasms and deficiencies may possibly be found. There are besides, Books of the City Valuation. With respect to the Public Records of the Corporation, they consist of Books, containing the transactions of the Corporate Assemblies; they are in very good preservation; they commence in the year 1690, and the general transactions are regularly continued to 1643; thence to 1690 there is a chasm, occasioned, as is supposed, by the then unsettled state of Ireland; from 1690 to the present time the Books are regularly continued.

(2.)—The Records are kept in a very small room over the Office; the condition of it, for security and accommodati n, is very bad, and which occasions much irregularity in their keeping. Those most likely to be wanted are kept in boxes, and some in a press made for the purpose, and in some degree of order; but a great part, for want of room, are obliged to be heaped on the floor, one over another. The Building is private property, and rent paid for it.

(3.)—The Records, for the last 20 years, are in a reasonable state of Preservation; the mode of arranging them is, rolling up the different Files, and indorsing the years on them to which they belong.

(4.)—There are not any general Catalogues or Schedules; nor is the Town Clerk aware of any general public utility that would result from such being completed, as it is hardly ever that any of them are looked for to any time back.

(5.)—There is no such Officer or Clerk as described in this Quere, nor any Allowance or Salary paid by the Public for any such Officer; nor any Fee demanded for any Search in this Office.

(6.)—There is not any such Person specially intrusted with the care of the Records, as mentioned in this Quere; but the Clerk, who, at the different periods of time attended to the business of the Office, had, and the present attending Clerk has, the care of the Records, and when those who call for any of them have done with them, he or the Town Clerk puts them back to the place they were taken from.

(7.)—There does not appear any other Matter expedient to observe, except that if a proper place was provided, they could certainly be better arranged than they are at present.

158. TOWN CLERK OF KINSALE.

The ANSWERS of the TOWN CLERK of Kinsale, to the QUERIES put to him by the Commissioners on the Public Records in Ireland.

158. Town Clerk of Kinsale.

(1.)—IN the Town of Kinsale there has existed, from time immemorial, a Tholsel Court of Record, wherein Debts to any Amount, accruing within the said Town and its Liberties (which are extensive, and its Maritime jurisdiction particularly so) may be sued for. The Records, relative to said Tholsel Court, consist of the Rule Books, and of the Writs of Action against the persons, and of Attachments against the properties of the individuals sued therein; of the Affidavits, Declarations, Pleas, Venires, Writs of Inquiry, and Records of the Issues for Trial in the various Causes pending therein. The said Rule Books in my possession are, one commencing in 1752, and ending in 1759; one commencing in 1779 and ending in 1784; and the present one, commencing in the said year 1784. The said Writs, Affidavits, and Pleadings, &c. are filed, and the Files thereof for about twenty-six years last past are in my custody.—A Court of General Sessions of the Peace and General Gaol Delivery for the said Town and Liberties (confirmed by Charter from Queen Elizabeth to the Corporation of Kinsale) is also held at Kinsale; at which every Breach of the Peace, Petit Larceny, and other Offence, not amounting to transportable Felony, committed within the aforesaid Jurisdiction, is cognizable. The Records in my custody, relating to said Sessions Court, consist of the Crown Books for about the last twenty-six years, and of the Indictments disposed of during that period of time. The Indictments are kept on Files.—The other Records of the Corporation, in my custody, consist of various Books, wherein are entered the several Transactions and Proceedings of the Body Corporate, in chronological order; the oldest of such Books in my charge, (viz. the Council Book) commences in the year 1652, and it, and the others detail the transactions from that to the present period of time. There are many chasms in the series of all the before described Books and Files of Records; but the causes thereof (except their having been impaired by time) or the periods when same happened, I cannot possibly state, having held the Office but since June 1784.

(2.)—Such Records in my custody are lodged in my Dwelling-house: the security thereof is not sufficiently good for such documents, being not more than a gentleman residing in his dwelling-house can afford them; and the accommodation for their keeping is very bad, there being no regular Presses or Alphabets for the purpose, and most of them being consequently crowded into small drawers and laid on the floor, and others of them stowed in three very old trunks or boxes. The Building is private property, and I pay an annual rent for it.

(3.)—Most of the said Records (the Books particularly) are in tolerably good Preservation; the order of their arrangement (caused from the badness and insufficiency of the accommodation) is very confused.

(4.)—There are not complete or correct general Catalogues, &c. to each sort; in some of the Books there are Indexes, but such are defective; the utility which (I conceive) would result from the completion thereof would be the expediting the making of Searches therein. There is no Clerk allowed by the Corporation of Kinsale to, or employed by me in, my Office. It would require much assistance and time to complete them. I know of no such Catalogues or Indexes existing elsewhere.

(5.)—As mentioned in the last Answer, there is no Clerk allowed by the Corporation of Kinsale to, or employed by me in, my Office; my duty therefore is to attend to the general business thereof at all reasonable times.

(6.)—As I have before stated, there is no Clerk employed in my Office, and therefore the duty alluded to in the Quere, devolves on myself.

(7.)—I know of no Matters (not alluded to in my foregoing Answers) that I think it would be necessary to observe, for the purpose referred to by the Quere.

Extreme ill health prevented me from sooner forwarding the foregoing Statement.

Thomas Coleman,
Town Clerk.

Dated at Kinsale, the 25th February 1811.

159. TOWN CLERK OF YOUGHALL.

ANSWERS to certain QUERIES directed by the Commissioners on the Public Records in Ireland, referred and required to be explained and replied to by the TOWN CLERK of Youghall, &c.

159. Town Clerk of Youghall.

(1.)—THE Town Clerk aforesaid (who is also Clerk of the Peace for the Town and Liberties of Youghall) answers;—That he has the care and custody of the following Public Records, Rolls, Instruments, Manuscript Books, and Papers; viz.—A List, Abstract or Record, of all Writs, Actions and Attachments, issued forth of the Tholsel Court of Youghall.—A Manuscript Book, in which Entries and Memorandums of all Proceedings in the Tholsel or Record Court (held in and for said Town and Liberties) are kept and recorded.—A Manuscript Book, wherein all Trials and Proceedings at the Sessions held in and for said Town and Liberties are duly entered and recorded.—Files of original Writs, Actions and Attachments, which have been

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executed and returned by the proper Officers.—Files of Entries of Writs, Actions, Attachments, Pleadings and other legal Proceedings in said Court.—Rolls of the Oaths of Allegiance, Supremacy and Abjuration, with the Declaration taken and subscribed by the several Mayors and Bailiffs, as well as other Persons holding official situations, who have qualified from time to time at the General Sessions or Adjournments thereof held in and for said Town and Liberties.—Also Files of Certificates and Affidavits, purporting that the several Magistrates, &c. had received the Holy Sacrament as prescribed by Law.—A Manuscript Book, containing the Names and Residences of all Persons to whom Certificates have been granted by the Magistrates, entitling them to Licences for selling Spirituous Liquors, &c. within said Town and Liberties.

(2.)—All Public Records and Documents committed to the care of the undersigned, have been duly and regularly kept, properly arranged, and in good order and Preservation (one instance only excepted, as hereinafter mentioned) partly in an Oak Press or Repository heretofore lodged in the Council Chamber adjoining the late Court House of said Town, and partly at an Office fitted up and prepared by the Town Clerk at his private residence. The instance or exception alluded to, arose as follows; viz. The Council Chamber and Court House aforesaid, having been converted into occasional Prisons and Guard Rooms during the unfortunate Rebellion in 1798, a considerable part of the Corporation and Court Records and Proceedings (together with some valuable private Papers) were lost, spoiled or injured, in consequence thereof; when discovered, steps were immediately thereupon taken to remove all that escaped, and (as it happened that the principal Books and Documents had been previously lodged at the private Office of the undersigned, and as arrangements were made in the best manner circumstances would permit, to replace the loss and repair the injury thus sustained) it therefore fortunately occurred, that no material inconvenience has since arisen from the transaction.

(3.)—The then Court House and Council Chamber having become ruinous and decayed, it hath been resolved to erect a new Tholsel or Guildhall and Council Chamber, with Jury Rooms, Record and other suitable Offices; for which purpose a sum of 2 000*l.* has been granted by the Corporation of Youghall.

(4.)—The Office or Offices of Town Clerk and Clerk of the Peace for said Town and Liberties, and all business appertaining thereto, have been executed and transacted for many years back, partly in the Court House of said Town, but more generally at the private Residence of the undersigned, where an Office has been fitted up (at his own Expense) for that purpose; and it is probable that matters will continue to go on in this way, until the new Building before mentioned shall be completed. On the foregoing and other accounts, the hours of attendance are not therefore limited to any particular period.

(5.)—The Corporation Charters, Counterparts of Leases, and sundry other Public Documents, are securely kept in a strong Chest, with three distinct locks and keys thereto, severally in the possession of the Mayor, Mayor of the Staple, and Senior Bailiff, for the time being. All the Town Books, in which Entries are made and recorded of Orders and Proceedings at Courts of Election, Courts of d'Oyer Hundred, and other Corporate Meetings, are also kept in the said Chest, save and except one Book in present use, locked up in a separate box, the key of which is kept by the Chief Magistrate.

(6.)—It has occasionally been found requisite to employ extra Clerks or Assistants, in executing the business of Town Clerk and Clerk of the Peace for said Town and Liberties. The Fees demandable for each Search vary according to the degree of trouble, attendance, and number of Abstracts or Copies that may be required: Two Shillings and Sixpence for a short Abstract, has been the usual charge; in case of exceeding five office sheets (of ninety words each,) an additional charge of Sixpence per Sheet is made for Copies of all Records and Pleadings. The Fees payable at Sessions are similar to these of the County. The Net Annual Amount of Emoluments (arising from said Office or Offices, upon the average of the last three years, as far as the same can be made up or calculated) has not exceeded One hundred Pounds per Annum. There is also an Annual Salary or Allowance of Fifty Pounds, payable for some time past by the Corporation. Such Clerk or Clerks as may happen to be employed in case of any extra hurry of business, must necessarily be paid by the Principal in office.

(7.)—The present Town Clerk and Clerk of the Peace for Youghall has been in office for twenty-seven years, and the Assistant (or acting) Town Clerk has had many years experience in the Department.

To the Right Honourable the Commissioners on Public Records, &c. &c. &c.

(Signed) *William Jenkins*,
Town Clerk and Clerk of the Peace for the Town and Liberties of Youghall.

160. DEPUTY TOWN CLERK OF YOUGHALL.

To the QUERIES directed by the Commissioners on the Public Records in Ireland, the following ANSWERS are given by the DEPUTY TOWN CLERK of Youghall; viz.

160. Deputy Town Clerk of Youghall.

(1.)—THE several sorts of Public Records in custody of the Deputy Town Clerk of Youghall are the following, viz. The Rule Books of the Record or Tholsel Court; Affidavits filed in said Court; original Writs and Process, Warrants of Attorney, Bail Pieces, Entries, Appearances, Declarations, Pleas, Replevins, Venires, original Notices, Records, Findings, Inquiries, Judgments and Executions:—The Crown Books, containing

containing the Proceedings in the Court of Quarter Sessions; the Informations and Indictments thereon for Petit Larceny, Assault, Trespass and Misdemeanors; Petitions; Recognizances; Convictions; Orders of the Court for granting Licenses to retail Spirituous Liquors; and other Proceedings cognizable at Quarter Sessions: —The Roll of the Freemen of Youghall, and Book of Stamped Entries of admission of Freemen:—The Roll of Oaths of the Magistrates, Freemen and Public Officers of the Corporation of Youghall, and the Qualification Oaths and Declaration:—The Inquisitions and Depositions taken before the Mayor of Youghall as Coroner thereof, except on Verdicts of Murder, in which case, the Record of the Inquest, and Depositions annexed, are transmitted to the Clerk of the Crown for the County of Cork:—The Corn Merchants and Bakers' Affidavits:—The Grand Jury Presentments of Nuisances, and the Appointment of Constables:—Certificates of the approbation of the Lord Lieutenant and Council of Ireland of the Magistrates. The earliest period to which the Rule Books of the Court of Record, and Quarter Sessions Crown Books, relate, with the Records appertaining thereto, is the year 1768; and from thence down to 1793 these Books are preserved in regular succession. From 1793 to 1798, a chasm appears in these Books, and various chasms in the Records. These chasms were caused in the Rebellion of 1798, when the Court House and Council Chamber (where these Books and Records were then kept) was converted into a Guard House, and occupied by His Majesty's Troops. The Soldiers, having got access to this Depository, through ignorance or mischief, burned, destroyed and mutilated, a great portion of the Records. From the year 1798 to the present day, the Rule and Crown Books, with the several Records lodged since that period, are (with very few exceptions) regular and complete.

(2.)—The Records are lodged at present in a secure and convenient Office in the Deputy Town Clerk's House, which House is his own private property. They were formerly lodged in the Court House (as mentioned in the preceding Answer); but that Building being now unroofed, and in a state of ruin, and the present Court House being temporary and insecure, the Records are therefore deposited in the Deputy Town Clerk's Office.

(3.)—Such of the Records, previous to the year 1784, as were not destroyed in the Rebellion of 1798, are rather in a perishing state: those subsequent to that period (and which at that time also escaped destruction,) and those from thence to the present day, are in good order and Preservation. The Records are arranged in the order of time.

(4.)—There are not complete General Catalogues and Indexes to the Records; and inasmuch as they are arranged in the order of time, and reference accordingly easily made, it is conceived Indexes would not be attended with any degree of utility; more especially as the Records are not very voluminous, and a Search very rarely required.

(5.)—No Clerk is employed in the Office, the business thereof being as insufficient to employ as the Emoluments are inadequate to pay one. The Town Clerk and his Deputy are the only Officers employed; and the latter alone has at present the custody and arrangement of the Records, during the Town Clerk's absence in England. The regular hours of attendance at the Office are, from ten in the Morning until four in the Afternoon every day (Sunday excepted). The Deputy has no Salary; the Town Clerk a Salary of fifty pounds a year, paid by the Corporation of Youghall, for discharging the general duties of his Office, but not for taking care of the Records in particular. The Emoluments for Searches and Copies of Records, for the last three years, did not average more than 5 *l.* a year. A Fee of 6 *s.* 8 *d.* is demandable for a Search and Certificate in the Record Court, and 6 *d.* per sheet for Copies. The Fees of the Town Clerk (who is Clerk of the Peace) in the Court of Quarter Sessions, are those allowed in the Schedule annexed to the 49th of the King.

(6.)—The Town Clerk and his Deputy being alone intrusted with the care of said Records, it is their duty to attend upon every Search, and take care of every Record.

(7.)—The Deputy Town Clerk of Youghall has not any observation to make on this Quere; but has generally to remark, that the most ancient Records of the Corporation of Youghall, which are the Charters and Exemplifications, the Town Books containing the Proceedings of their Courts of d'Oyer Hundred since the year 1690, the local Statutes and Bye Laws, and some other old Records, are lodged in the Town Chest, and specially intrusted to the care and keeping of the Mayor, Mayor of the Staple, and Senior Bailiff of Youghall, for the time being.

Youghall, January 28th, 1811.

(3.) *Kerry.*

161. PEACE CLERK.

ANSWERS of the CLERK OF THE PEACE of the County of Kerry, to the QUERIES directed by the Commissioners on the Public Records in Ireland.

(1.)—SAYS, that the several Public Records (in his possession as Clerk of the Peace for the County of Kerry) are, Informations for Assaults and Misdemeanors; Recognizances; Indictments for Assaults and Misdemeanors; Crown Books of the Criminal Trials at the several Sessions of the Peace; Issues, with the Verdicts of the Juries thereon; Affidavits in criminal Cases; Affidavits of Renewal of Decrees; Recognizances on Appeals to Civil Bill Decrees; Consents to Decrees; Returns of Decrees obtained in Manor Courts; Returns of Decrees appealed to from the Sessions to the Assizes; Freehold Affidavits; Rolls of the Names of qualified

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qualified Roman Catholic Freeholders; Affidavits of the Registry of Arms and Forges; Bonds taken to His Majesty upon granting Spirit License Certificates; Affidavits of the planting of Timber Trees; Qualifications of Deputy Governors and Militia Officers; Returns of Sums paid by the different High Constables to the Wives and Families of the Militia and Army of Reserve; Quere Books, and Accounting Affidavits for Public Money at the October Sessions; Petitions and Schedules of Insolvents discharged at the several Sessions; Convictions under the Game and Spirit License Acts, and Recognizances on Appeals thereto; and Commissions of the Peace. He cannot find there are any chasms or deficiencies in the series of such Records.

(2.)—Says, the Records are lodged in shallow and inconvenient Presses, to the damp wall of a Room or Apartment of the ground floor of the County Court House, with a narrow entrance, and lighted by one window only; in which Room (in separate Presses) the Records of the Crown Office are also deposited, the Clerk of the Peace being also Clerk of the Crown. And notwithstanding that the Grand Juries present Five Guineas at each Assizes for fuel for said Apartment, yet, by reason of the situation thereof, and its contiguity to the street, said Records cannot be sufficiently preserved from damp. The said Apartment is public property, same being part of the same Building with the County Court House; but the Grand Jury have purchased a plot of ground at the rear of said Apartment, in order to build additional Offices for the use of the Records of the Crown and Peace Departments; and for the building of which a sum of money is intended to be presented on the County at the next Assizes, the Plans and Estimates for the same having been lodged in the Secretary's Office.

(3.)—Says, all the said Records are in a good state of Preservation; and that they are (according to their different kinds) severally arranged by themselves in regular order.

(4.)—Says, there are eight Indexes in said Office, containing the Names of all the registered Freeholders of said County; an Index and Schedule, containing the Names of the qualified Roman Catholic Freeholders; Indexes, containing the Names of those who registered Arms and Forges. Says, there is no Index wanting in said Office, save and except an Index of the Names of Persons indicted; and though he has never known any such Index in said Office, yet he conceives a great degree of utility would result from the keeping such an Index in said Office; and says, he will, at the next Assizes, apply to the Grand Jury for a Presentment for the Books necessary for such Index, and will then commence and regularly continue such Index.—Says, that not having any intercourse with any other Office but his own, he cannot specify whether any Catalogues, &c. or Indexes, are known to exist elsewhere, or the Persons in whose hands they are, or whether they are public or private property.

(5.)—Says, he attends himself, together with his Deputy and a Clerk, who are the only Persons employed for the custody and arrangement of the Records in said Office; and says, that their general duties (so far as they regard the custody or arrangement of said Records) are, their necessary attendance at each Sessions with the necessary Records; and their co-operation with, and assistance to him, in discharge of the Civil and Criminal business at the Sessions; and that the days and hours of their attendance are such as are necessary for the discharge of said business. Says, he gives said Clerks no Salary, nor are they allowed any by the Public; and that he gives the Writing Clerk (who is one of them) Emoluments, consisting of Fees for Searches; Clerk's Fees on attested Copies of the different Records; Fees on Certificates, Bench Warrants, Crown Summonses, &c. &c.; which Fees (with others, ascertained by the Act of 1809) are so casual, that it would be impossible to ascertain the annual amount thereof; and no account (to his knowledge) has been ever kept of the same.

(6.)—Says, there is not any Person specially intrusted with the care of said Records, or whose duty it is to attend on every Search, or to take care that every Record be duly and fairly restored to its proper place, save and except himself, and the Deputy and Clerk mentioned in the Answer to the 5th Quere.

(7.)—Says, he knows no Matters (not comprised in the foregoing Queries) necessary to observe, for rendering the use of the said Records more convenient, save and except the procurement of the necessary Books for alphabeting the Indictments of the Sessions, as mentioned in the Answer to the 4th Quere.

John Hurly,
Clerk of the Peace, County Kerry.

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162. PROVOST OF TRALEE.

162. Provost of Tralee.

SIR, Tralee, 14th March 1811.

IN obedience to the commands of the Commissioners on the Public Records in Ireland (conveyed to me by your Letter of the 18th September 1810,) I beg leave to return the following Answers to the Queries contained in that Letter. This communication should have been made much earlier, only that I was in England when your first Letter arrived here, and I have been engaged since my return in various business, as well as in making such research into the subject-matter of the Queries, as would enable me to give the Commissioners a detailed and satisfactory information on them. I am sorry however to say, that owing to the negligence of the late Town Clerk of this Borough (who held the Office before I was elected to the Provostship) my Answers to some of the Queries cannot be as comprehensive as the Commissioners would probably wish; but if in the course of further inquiry (which I shall make into this subject) any additional information can be obtained, I shall have the honour to transmit it to you.

I have the honour to be, Sir, &c. &c.

William Rowan,
Provost of Tralee.

To Wm Shaw Mason, Esquire,
&c. &c. &c.

(1.)—THE only Public Records, now extant in my Office, are, the occasional Elections of Burgesses to serve in Parliament both before and since the union of the Legislatures; the Elections of Burgesses and Freemen of the Corporation of Tralee, to supply incidental vacancies; the Proceedings of a weekly Court instituted by the Charter of our Incorporation to try Personal Actions arising within the Borough, and limited to five marks: there were other Records anterior to these (such as a body of Bye Laws, and other Regulations for the Government of the Borough, framed by the Burgesses under the authority of the Charter) which have been lost or misplaced by the former Town Clerk, who is dead.

(2.)—The Records, &c. with the Common Seal of the Corporation, are lodged in the House of the Town Clerk, which is, as I conceive, sufficiently secure, and is his private property.

(3.)—The Records are in good Preservation, and their arrangement orderly enough, for the purpose of any occasional reference to them.

(4.)—I do not find there are complete, or any, Catalogues or Indexes; nor does it occur to me, that any considerable advantage would accrue from framing such, as the matters recorded are not extensive nor multifarious: but if the Commissioners should think it proper to order such Catalogues, &c. to be made out, I think the work may be done at a small additional expense.

(5.)—The Town Clerk is the Officer to whom the custody and arrangement of the Records, &c. are committed, and as they are lodged in his House, there are no settled periods for his attendance on this branch of his duty. He attends the Provost's Court every Thursday with the Court Books. He has no fixed Salary, and his Emoluments (as well as part of the Provost's, of two Serjeants at Mace, and of the Marshal) arise principally from certain Fees payable by the Suitors on the proceedings in the weekly Courts; there are also Fees demandable for every Search, Certificate or Copy, occasionally made from the Records, and to which the Corporation Seal is affixed. As the amount of these Emoluments depends on the quantity of business from which they are derived, they cannot well be set down but at a common average, and this, as it has been returned to me, is, to the Provost and Town Clerk Fifty Pounds each, to each of the Serjeants at Mace Twenty Pounds, and to the Marshal Ten Pounds.

(6.)—The Town Clerk, under the control and direction of the Provost, is intrusted with the care of the Records, &c. and (under like control) makes Search, and grants Copies, &c.

(7.)—As I am not aware that any inconvenience is felt by the Public, from the present mode of transacting the business in my Office, I am not prepared to suggest any Matters for its improvement; but if the Commissioners shall honour me with further commands on the subject, I shall take care to have them fully executed.

William Rowan,
Provost of Tralee.

(4.) *Limerick.*

163. PEACE CLERK.

CLERK of the PEACE's ANSWER to the QUERIES.

(1.)—THE Records deposited in the Clerk of the Peace's Office of the County of Limerick, consist of the Affidavits of the Registry of Freeholders; alphabetical Lists thereof written in Books; the Session Crown Books; Indictments for a considerable length of time past; the Affidavits of Persons qualified to keep Arms; also Smiths Forges, which are written in alphabetical Lists in Books; the Certificates and Bonds entered into by Persons qualified to retail Spirituous Liquors in said County, in each year since my commencement in office; and also the Civil Bill Books of the different Sessions; the Affidavits of different Persons registering Trees; and the Rolls of the different Roman Catholics who took the Oaths of Allegiance to His Majesty as prescribed by Law.

(2.)—The Records are kept and lodged in an Office and other apartments appointed by me in my Dwelling-house, in Limerick, and my private property, perfectly secured.

(3.)—The Records are in proper Preservation, arranged and deposited in different presses and shelves in my House and Office, and filed on different Files.

(4.)—There are no Catalogues or Indexes in my Office (save as mentioned in the Answer to the first Quere) nor did I ever get any from Meredith Monsell, deceased, the late Clerk of the Peace; nor do I know that he had such, or in whose custody or possession the same are; nor have I ever heard that he or his predecessor Clerk of the Peace had such; but such Catalogues, &c. &c. would be of no great utility to said Office, as all the different Records are properly arranged.

(5.)—The Clerk of the Peace attends the business belonging to his Department, with the assistance of one Clerk, for the arrangement of the different matters (and frequently several extra Clerks at different periods;) the payment of whom, and the Clerk of the Peace's expenses through the County, attending Sessions, registering Freeholders, and other matters relative to his office, amounts to a sum of One hundred and fifty Pounds a

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year and upwards; his hours of attendance are from nine in the Morning until five in the Afternoon; the Clerk is paid, by the Clerk of the Peace, a Salary of Thirty Pounds annually (exclusive of the above expenses,) and is not entitled to any Allowance or Emolument. A sum of One Shilling and Eight-Pence is paid for every Search, Three Shillings and Four Pence for every Crown Summons, and the like sum for a Capias, to the Clerk of the Peace; and did not amount to the sum of Twenty Pounds annually for the last three years: there is no charge made for attendance.

(6.)—This Quere is answered by that of No. 5.

(7.)—There are no Matters necessary, but what are herein specified, to render the use of the Records more convenient to the Public.

James Wall,
Clerk of the Peace for the County of Limerick.

164. PEACE CLERK FOR THE CITY OF LIMERICK.

CLERK of the PEACE'S ANSWER to the QUERIES.

164. Peace Clerk for the City of Limerick.

(1.)—THE Records deposited in the Clerk of the Peace's Office of the City of Limerick, consist of the Sessions Crown Books, and Indictments, for a considerable time past; the Affidavits of Persons buying Corn, of Bakers, and Persons qualified to keep Arms, and Smiths Forges; as also the Bonds of Security entered into each year by Persons retailing Spirituous Liquors, all kept on their respective Files; as also the Affidavits of Freeholders of the County of said City, and a Book in which they are alphabetically inserted.

(2.)—The Records are lodged in an Office appointed for the Clerk of the Peace by the Corporation, in a Building called the Exchange, erected by the Corporation, whose property it is; perfectly secured by iron bars and lattice, and in good condition.

(3.)—The Records are in proper Preservation, arranged on shelves in said Office, and filed on different Files.

(4.)—There are no Catalogues or Indexes, the business of said Office not being of that great extent to require it; there are no deficiencies, or want of completion.

(5.)—The Clerk of the Peace attends the business belonging to his department, with the assistance of his Son, and a Clerk for the arrangement of the different Matters; hours of attendance from ten o'clock in the morning until four in the afternoon. The Clerk is paid by the Clerk of the Peace a yearly Salary of Twenty Pounds, and is not entitled to any Allowances or Emoluments; a Sum of One Shilling is paid for each Search or Copy of Record; no charge made for attendance; the Annual Amount for each Copy of Record (being so seldom applied for) cannot be ascertained.

(6.)—This Quere is answered in No. 5.

(7.)—There are no Matters, not comprised in these Queries, that can render the use of the Records more convenient to the Public.

Edward Parker,
Clerk of the Peace.

165. TOWN CLERK OF THE CITY OF LIMERICK.

TOWN CLERK'S ANSWER to the QUERIES.

165. Town Clerk of the City of Limerick.

(1.)—THE Public Records deposited in the Town Clerk's Office of the City of Limerick, consist of the Council Books of the Common Council, so far back as the year 1746; the Rule Books belonging to the Tholsel Court; the Proceedings carried on in said Court, on their respective Files; Book of Oaths administered to the different Officers on their respective extrance into Office; a Roll of the Oaths taken by them under the Charter; a Book relating to the letting of the Tolls, Customs, &c.; also for Scavengers Places. There are no deficiencies in the series of the Records.

(2.)—The Records are lodged in an Office appointed for the Town Clerk by the Corporation, in a Building called the Exchange, erected by the Corporation, whose property it is; perfectly secured by iron bars and lattice, and in good condition.

(3.)—The Records are in proper Preservation, arranged on shelves in said Office, and filed on their different Files.

(4.)—There are no Catalogues or Indexes, the business of said Office not being of that great extent to require it; there are no deficiencies, or want of completion.

(5.)—The Town Clerk attends the business belonging to his department, with the assistance of a Clerk for the arrangement of the different Matters; hours of attendance from ten o'clock in the morning until four in the afternoon. The Clerk is paid by the Town Clerk a yearly Salary of Twenty Pounds, and is not entitled to any Allowances or Emoluments; a Sum of One Shilling is paid for each Search or Copy of Record; no charge made for attendance; the Annual Amount for each Search or Copy of Record (being so seldom applied for) cannot be ascertained.

(6.)—This Quere is answered in No. 5.

(7.)—There are no Matters, not comprised in these Queries, that can render the use of the Records more convenient to the Public.

Edward Parker,
Town Clerk.

166. VICE PROVOST OF ASKEATON.

166. Vice Provost of Askeaton.

SIR, Hollypark, 21st January 1811.

I WAS not at home at the time the Queries relative to Askeaton came down, or should, before this, have answered them.—I have not for some time been Vice Provost of Askeaton, but when I was, there was no Public Record, Roll, Instrument, Manuscript Book or Paper in my custody, belonging to Askeaton; neither did I ever hear of such, nor can I say that any such ever existed.

I have the honour to be, Sir, &c. &c.

Richd Taylor.

Wm Shaw Mason, Esquire,
&c. &c. &c.

(5.) *Tipperary.*

167. PEACE CLERK.

The ANSWERS of the CLERK OF THE PEACE of the County of Tipperary, to the QUERIES directed by the Commissioners on the Public Records in Ireland.

167. Peace Clerk, Tipperary.

(1.)—THE Records now in my possession as Clerk of the Peace of the County of Tipperary, are Civil Bill Books, from the year 1718 to October 1810; Appeals to Decrees, from 1718 to October 1810; Affidavits of the Registry of Trees, from 1770 to 1810; Quarter Sessions Crown Books, from the year 1775 to October 1810; Sessions Indictments, Information and Recognizance Files, from the year 1787 to 1802; Roman Catholic Qualification Rolls, from 1794 to October 1810; Affidavits for registering Freeholders, from 1796 to October 1810; Eleven Baronial Books for entering said Freehold Registry in alphabetical order; two General County Books for same, in like order; Counterparts of Renewals of Decrees, from 1800 to October 1810; Sessions Informations, Indictments and Recognizances, from 1806 to October 1810; Affidavits of the Registry of Fire Arms, from 1807 to October 1810; Eleven Baronial Books for posting same in alphabetical order, from 1807 to October 1810; Poll Books of the Election in the year 1807.

(2.)—The Building in which said Records are, is attached to the Court House Building, under the same roof, and I consider such Building perfectly secure; and for which no Rent is paid by me.

(3.)—The said Records are in good Preservation and securely kept, and are arranged in regular order, in presses for that purpose.

(4.)—There are Repertories to the Bills of Indictment at the Sessions of the Peace, so far as keeping them in bound Books, as also to the Civil Bill Books; though they are not indexed, as it is easy to refer to the Proceedings of each year and Sessions, as they are entered with regularity.

(5.)—There is a Clerk at present in the Office who acts as Deputy. The Fees of Office are very fluctuating, and, no account having been kept of them, it is impossible to state their Amount.

(6.)—The Person intrusted with the care of said Records is the said Clerk, who resides in the Town of Clonmel.

(7.)—There is nothing further appearing to me as necessary to observe upon.

Benjamin Bradshaw,
Clerk of the Peace of the County of Tipperary.

168. TOWN CLERK OF CLONMEL.

The several ANSWERS of the TOWN CLERK of Clonmel, to the QUERIES transmitted by William Shaw Mason, Esquire, Secretary to the Right Honourable the Commissioners on the Public Records in Ireland.

168. Town Clerk of Clonmel.

(1.)—THE several sorts of Public Records, Books, Instruments, and Papers in the cutsody of the Town Clerk of Clonmel, consist of Actions and Attachments, with Returns thereon; Affidavits whereon the same are grounded; Warrants of Attorney, Declarations, Pleas, Venires, Distringas's, Writs of Nisi Prius, final Judgments, and Executions, with Interlocutory Judgments for want of Pleas; together with a Book, containing the Rules and Orders made in the respective Suits instituted in the Tholsel Court, (the Proceedings of which are somewhat similar to the Superior Courts, each bearing the Stamp Duty imposed by Act of Parliament;) but there are no Judgment Rolls. On the 24th of June 1808, the appointment of the present Clerk took place; and he was then handed a Book, containing the Rules and Orders of the said Suits, commencing the 6th day of August 1777, and which are continued up to the present day; but he did not receive any of the other Records or Instruments before enumerated, except one Cause, which was the only one proceeding through the Court; nor can he account for the deficiency.

(2.)—There is no Office for the Town Clerk attached to the Tholsel Court of Clonmel; and therefore he is obliged to hold the Office, and keep the Records, in an apartment of his own residence.

(3.)—The Records hereinbefore mentioned are in the best state of Preservation possible, arranged in alphabetical order, and easy of access.

(4.)—There

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(4.)—There are complete Indexes to the several Causes and Suits instituted, with the Proceedings had and taken, to final Judgment and Execution.

(5.)—The Town Clerk of Clonmel feels himself fully adequate to the arrangement of the Records and the duties of that Office, without the assistance of any Clerk, the Suits there not being numerous, and seldom litigated beyond the issuing of the Action or Attachment, the first process of the proceedings; constant attendance is given; and the Emoluments of the Town Clerk arise from Fees on each Process and Proceeding; there is no Fee demanded for any Search, or Attendance thereupon; but 2*s.* 6*d.* is taken for a Certificate or Copy of any Record; and the entire of the net annual Sum arising to the Town Clerk from that Office, for the last two years and four months, amounts to the Sum of from Fifty to Seventy Pounds. A correct Table of the regular Fees has not been in the Office, but there is one in preparation.

(6.)—The Town Clerk is the only Person specially intrusted with the Records of the said Court; and it is his duty to take care that every Record be duly and fairly restored to its proper place; and this duty is carefully performed. The Charters, Deeds, and other Muniments relating immediately to the Corporation, remain in the hands and custody of the Mayor or Chamberlain, who alone have access thereto.

(7.)—A distinct, permanent, and commodious Office for the Town Clerk, convenient to the Tholsel Court, would be expedient and useful for the Records to the Public. And there is a matter (though not immediately within the meaning of the Quere) which yet would be of the first utility to the Public, residing within the jurisdiction of the Tholsel Court of Clonmel, and those who may trade and deal with them. The Mayor's authority to determine matters in a summary way, extends to sums under Ten Shillings only; the Population of the Town has increased considerably, and is increasing, and the trade very much extended; so that differences respecting small Sums, occur more frequently than any other; it would therefore be of great benefit, if the Mayor's jurisdiction to hear and determine disputes and claims for small Sums in a summary way was extended to Twenty or Thirty Shillings, as complete and speedy justice would be then done the Public, and that at a most trifling Expense, the cost attending a Proceeding of that nature amounting only to Two Shillings and Eight-pence halfpenny; whereas, as it now stands, a Suitor is put to the expense, cost, and delay of Action, Attachment, and the usual subsequent Proceedings, for a Sum of 10*s.* 6*d.*

November 10th, 1810.

John Labarte,
Town Clerk of Clonmel.

169. TOWN CLERK OF CASHEL.

SIR, Cashel, October 23d, 1810.

169. Town Clerk of Cashel.

I HAD the honour of receiving your Letter of the 18th September last, written by Order of the Right Honourable the Commissioners on the Public Records in Ireland, desiring full and distinct Answers to the Queries annexed to your Letter; and beg leave generally to inform you, for their information, that there are no Records of the smallest consequence in my custody as Town Clerk of Cashel. There is no Office allowed me for keeping any Records or Papers appertaining to my office, such Papers being always kept in the private residence of the Town Clerk; the only Records or Papers handed over to me at the time of my appointment to office, were three Manuscript Books, containing Rules or Entries of the various Causes proceeded upon in the Tholsel Court of this City, viz. One Book, commencing the 7th of September 1780, and ending the 8th of May 1788; another Book, commencing the 24th of July 1788, and ending the 17th of September 1795; and another Book, commencing the 1st of October 1795, and continued down to the period of my appointment in 1804.—Several small Bundles of Papers were also handed to me, consisting of Powers of Attorney to conduct Suits in this Court, Affidavits of Parties instituting Suits, Attachments, Declarations, Replevins, Bail Bonds, and Pleas, without being arranged in any regular order; nor are there any Schedules or Entries ever kept thereof, they being generally looked upon as useless Papers as soon as such Causes are disposed of; and I am of opinion that no degree of utility would result from the keeping of such Catalogues or Schedules.—The Salary of Town Clerk is but Twelve Pounds a year; and (since Civil Bills have been tried at Sessions) the business of the Tholsel Court is so trifling, that the Office is scarce worth attending to. If more particular information on this subject shall be deemed necessary by the Right Honourable the Commissioners, I shall be at all times ready to furnish it, on being made acquainted with the manner in which it should be done.

I have the honour to be, Sir, &c. &c.

To the Secretary to the Board of Public Records.

Avary Jordan,
Town Clerk of Cashel.

(6.) *Waterford.*

170. PEACE CLERK.

ANSWERS to certain QUERIES proposed by the Right Honourable the Commissioners of Records in Ireland, to the DEPUTY CLERK OF THE PEACE of the County of Waterford.

170. Peace Clerk, Waterford.

(1.)—I HAVE, as Deputy Clerk of the Peace of the County of Waterford, the custody of the Records, consisting of the following Books, Rolls, &c. &c.—Crown Books, from the year 1792 to the present time; —Examinations, Informations, and Recognizances, returned to the several Sessions, from the year 1792 to the present time, with the Indictments thereon, those of each Session on a separate File;—Books of Registry

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of Freeholds for the County at large and the respective Baronies, from the year 1774 to the present time; all entered alphabetically.—The original Affidavits of such Registries; each Barony on a separate File.—A Book for the registering of Trees (and the Affidavits lodged for that purpose) from 1792 to the present time.—Alphabetical Books of the Names of Roman Catholicks who have taken the Oaths of Allegiance at Sessions, from 1793 to the present time.—Books of Registry of the Householders of the Boroughs of Dungarvan, and Lismore, and Tallon, together with the original Affidavits of Registry; all entered alphabetically, from the year 1793 to the present time.—Spirit Licence Bonds, from the year 1797 to the present time; and a Registry Book for the Publicans of this County.—Civil Bill and Renewal Books, from the year 1796 to the present time.—Alphabetical Registry of Arms and Forges, from the year 1796 to the present time, for each Barony separately.—Qualifications of Militia Officers and Deputy Governors.—Poll Books of Elections, from 1793 to the present time.—Returns of Cloths from the Deputy Alnager. Prior to the foregoing periods, there is no regular series of any description of the Records, though some of an ancient date are to be found amongst them.

(2. & 3.)—There has not been any place belonging to the Public, appropriated for the keeping or lodgment of the Records. I keep them in my own House, in the City of Waterford, not having any other place, and receive no allowance for the use thereof.

(4.)—The Alphabetical Books before mentioned are the only Catalogues, Repertories or Indexes, which have been in use in this Office; and I know not of any inconvenience having arisen from want of others.

(5.)—There is not any Person employed or paid by the Public for the custody or arrangement of the Records. I keep them in regular order in my own House, as before stated, and have a Person employed and paid by myself, who assists me, as well in that department as in the general execution of the duties of my Office. He receives the legal Fees for Searches, &c., but has not kept any account of them from which I could correctly strike an average. There are no particular Office hours; but Persons having occasion to search the Records are accommodated whensoever they may call.

(6.)—My Assistant and myself are the only Persons to whom the care and custody of the Records are committed; and we are particularly careful, after every Search, to return the Records to their proper place.

(7.)—Not being apprised of any public use to which these Records might be applied (save as heretofore), I am at present unable to state any means by which they may be rendered so.

Bar^t Delandre,
Deputy Clerk of the Peace, County Waterford.

171. PEACE CLERK OF THE CITY OF WATERFORD.

ANSWERS to QUERIES directed by the Commissioners on the Public Records in Ireland, to be answered by the CLERK OF THE PEACE of the County of the City of Waterford.

(1.)—AFFIDAVITS of Registry of Freeholders, from 11th October 1751 to the present time, all in good Preservation:—Books of Indexes thereto, from the 18th day of January 1760 to the present day, in good Preservation:—Sessions Books, from 7th day of October 1776 to the present day, in a good state of Preservation:—Certificates of Ministers and Churchwardens of Persons receiving the Sacrament, and Affidavits of the Witnesses present, from the 16th May 1788, in good Preservation:—Roll of Oaths taken at said Sessions, from said last mentioned day to the present time, in good Preservation:—Files of Informations, Indictments, Recognisances, Books of Entry of Indictments and Proceedings at Sessions, from the year 1790 inclusive to the present day:—Affidavits of Registry of Trees, from the 7th June 1790 to the present day, and an Index Book to the same:—Affidavits and Affirmations of Merchants Dealers in Corn, made and filed since the time of passing the Statute of the 30th of George III. chap. 30:—Poll Books at the several Elections of Members of Parliament for this City, held since the said year 1776 inclusive, to the present time:—Affidavits of Persons registering Arms, since the time of the passing of the Statute of the 36th year of His present Majesty's Reign:—Affidavits of Persons who have registered Forges, since the time of passing the Statute of the 38th year of His present Majesty's Reign:—Book of Index of the Names of Persons who have registered their Arms and Forges:—Bonds executed by Spirit Retailers, since the year 1804 inclusive, previous to their obtaining Licences for selling Spirits by retail:—Plan and Estimate of the New Goal for this City, and the Contract for building the same, executed the 1st July 1807, between Richard Morrisson the Architect, and the Overseers appointed by the Grand Jury for building same:—Book of Proceedings of said Overseers respecting said Work, commencing the 31st August 1807:—Orders of Justices at Special Sessions, held in the years 1799, 1800, 1801, 1802, 1803, and 1804, for limiting the number of Public Houses in Waterford in each of said years:—Rules and Regulations of Friendly Societies approved of at Sessions since the passing of the Statute of the 36th of George III. chap. 58:—Book of Entry of Names of Carmen licensed at Sessions, since the passing of the Statute of the 23d and 24th of George III. chap. 52:—Map of the Road leading from the Turnpike Gate of Shankill to the Bridge of Waterford, lodged with me the 29th of September 1810. I do not discover any chasm or deficiency in the Series of said Records.

(2.)—Said

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(2.)—Said Records are lodged in Offices, my own private property. Their condition, as to security, is good; but the accommodation for keeping them is not such as Offices for keeping Public Records usually have, there not being Alphabet Presses or Recesses proper for their reception, nor room sufficient in said Offices for such accommodations.

(3.)—Said Records are in good Preservation; and with regard to arrangement, the Books are kept in Presses, and Book Racks or Shelves, and the several Papers and Instruments upon Files, some of which are lodged in Cupboards, and others hung upon nails driven in the walls.

(4.)—There are no other Catalogues, Calendars, Schedules, Repertories, or Indexes to said Records, except those which I have already mentioned in my Answer to the first Quere; and said Indexes are in no respect defective. I have not found the said Indexes of any utility, except that which relates to the Registry of Freeholders since the passing of the Statute of the 35th George III. chap. 29. The Indexes also respecting the Registry of Trees may happen at some period to be useful; and also the Index to the Names of Persons who have registered their Arms and Forges; but I do not conceive that any other Catalogues, Calendars, Schedules, Repertories, or Indexes would be of the least utility; and if Indexes or Catalogues, &c. were to be made of such as appear to me to require none, I apprehend it would take my Clerk usually employed, by his ordinary diligence, between four and five years to complete such Catalogues or Indexes, &c. The Indexes in my Office are public property, and I know not of any of them to be wanting, or to exist elsewhere.

(5.)—No Clerk or Officer is specially employed for the custody and arrangement of the Records in my Office; but I keep a Clerk to transact my business generally, and to him I pay an annual Salary out of my own pocket. He receives no Salary, Allowances or Emoluments whatever from the Public. He transacts any business I require of him in my Office. There are no fixed days or hours of attendance; but I keep my Office open usually every day in the week (except Sunday) from ten in the morning till four in the afternoon; and if any Person should happen occasionally to have any business to transact at my Office from that hour till eight in the evening, it has been my habit and custom to accommodate them. The Fees demandable for each Search, Certificate, or Copy of a Record, or attendance therewith, are as follow; viz. For every Certificate, 3 *s.* 4 *d.*—For every Search, 1 *s.* 8 *d.*—For every Copy of a Record, 3 *s.* 4 *d.*—For every attendance therewith, 6 *s.* 8 *d.* I have not received for the last three years taken altogether 10 *s.* for said Fees, and the Average does not exceed 2 *s.* 6 *d.* a year.

(6.)—There is not any Person specially intrusted with the care of said Records, save as mentioned in my Answer to the 5th Quere, whose duty it is to attend upon every Search, and to take care that every Record, &c. be duly and fairly restored to its proper place, nor is there any other regulation observed respecting same, except that when any Record, &c. is taken to be copied, it is usually put back in the place from whence it was brought.

(7.)—In respect to any Matter which appears to me expedient to observe for rendering said Records, &c. more convenient to the Public, I think that much benefit would arise from having Offices sufficiently commodious, provided with proper Alphabets, Presses and other accommodations usual in Public Offices, to enable the Keeper of the Records to have them kept in a regular state and properly arranged, with an allowance of sufficient firing to guard them against the injurious effects of damp; likewise a Servant to keep said Offices swept and cleaned, to give air to the rooms when requisite, and light fires; also a Clerk specially to attend, regulate, and occasionally to examine them, free them from dust, and preserve them from being injured by vermin.

Robert Cooke,
Clerk of the Peace.

Waterford, March 22d 1811.

172. TOWN CLERK OF WATERFORD.

ANSWER to QUERIES directed by the Commissioners on the Public Records in Ireland, and to be answered by the TOWN CLERK of Waterford.

172. Town Clerk of Waterford.

(1.)—THE Charter granted by King Charles the First, in the second year of his Reign, to the City of Waterford, in good preservation. The Corporation Books, from the year commencing at Michaelmas 1669, and continued down to the present day, in good preservation, except that in the Book commencing the 23d October 1700, and ending the 27th September 1727, there are four leaves loosened from the binding. Books of Entries of Drafts drawn by the several Mayors on the Chamberlain or Receiver of the Rents of the Corporation Estate, for payment of the Salaries of the several Officers and Annuitants of the Corporation, and for payment of Tradesmen's and other Demands for Works and Business done for the Corporation, commencing from the 2d February 1731, and continued to the present day, all in good Preservation. The Chamberlain's Accounts from the 25th March 1790 to the 25th March 1810, both inclusive, in good Preservation. Rule Books of the Court of Record, commencing from the 15th January 1768, and continued to the present day, all in good order and Preservation. The Lords Lieutenants' and Privy Council's Approbation of Mayors and Sheriffs, from Michaelmas 1765 to the present time, all in good Preservation. Bail Pieces entered into by Defendants, to appear and defend Actions or Capiases issued against them out of the Court

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of Record, commencing the 1st of May 1775, in good Preservation, except as hereafter mentioned, namely, that there appears a chasm or deficiency therein, between the 4th day of March 1778 and 25th day of November 1780, the cause of which, or the periods of time when it happened, I cannot ascertain. Files of Appearances of Defendants by Attorney, in Suits commenced in the said Court of Record, from the 14th July 1780 to the present time; in good Preservation. Pleadings and Proceedings in said Court, from 3d March 1786 to the present time, in good Preservation. Affidavits required to be filed before the issuing of process, pursuant to the Statute of the 36th year of His present Majesty's reign, chap. 39. for limiting the jurisdiction of inferior Courts, commencing from the time said Statute took effect, to the present day, all in good Preservation. Valuations of the several Dwelling Houses, Stores and Offices in the several Parishes of the City, made from time to time since the passing of the Statute of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth of George III. chap. 52. for assessing the Rates for lighting the public Lamps and establishing a Watch, down to the present time; all in good Preservation. Bonds executed by Pawnbrokers and Appraisers in this City, since the passing of the Statute of the Twenty-sixth of George III. chap. 43. to the present time; all in good Preservation. An Index to the Freemen admitted to their Freedoms (or directed to be admitted to their Freedoms) of the City by the Corporation Books, from the year 1700, inclusive, to the present time, in good order and Preservation. The several Statutes passed since the Union.

(2.)—Said Records are lodged in Offices, which are private Property, and were built at my own expense; with respect to their condition, in point of security, it is good, as much so as most Offices for preserving private Property are; but said Offices are not suited to the keeping of public Records, there not being Alphabets, Presses or proper Recesses sufficient for their reception, whereby they might be arranged in such order as public Records ought to be, and inasmuch as there is not room sufficient in said Offices for such accommodations.

(3.)—Said Records are in that sort of Preservation before stated in my Answers to the first Quere; and with respect to arrangement, the Charter and several Books are kept in a Chest and Presses, and the other Instruments and Papers upon several Files, supported by nails.

(4.)—There is an Index to the Entries of the Freemen admitted or ordered to be admitted on the Corporation Books from the year 1700 to the present time complete and correct, which is my own private Property, the same having been done at my own Expense, and never having been paid for it. There is also an Index or Alphabet to the Rule Books since the year 1787, but no other Indexes, Catalogues, Calendars, Schedules or Repertories; the first Index, namely, of Freemen, has been found to be of great utility; but that to the Rule Books of little or no use, and I do not apprehend that any other Index or Indexes, &c. would in the smallest degree be useful, as I do not know one single instance of their being wanted for twenty years past and upwards; and I believe it would take the Clerk usually employed by me, by the ordinary diligence of such Clerk, four years at least to complete such Indexes, &c. as would not in my opinion be of any use. I do not know of any Catalogue, &c. or Index belonging to my Office, existing elsewhere.

(5.)—There is not any Officer or Clerk specially employed for the custody and arrangement of the Records in my Office; but I employ a Clerk for transacting my Business generally, to whom I pay out of my own pocket an annual Salary, and he transacts any Business I require of him in said Office; there is not any Salary, Allowance or Emolument whatsoever paid him by the Public; there are no fixed days or hours of attendance, but I usually keep my Office open from ten o'clock in the morning every day (Sunday excepted) till four in the afternoon, and I have been constantly in the habit of accommodating any Person who may happen occasionally to have Business to transact in my Office, from that hour till eight in the evening.—The Fees demandable for each Search, Certificate or Copy of a Record, or attendance therewith, are as follow; viz.:—For any Search or Certificate, 2*s.* 6*d.*—For any Copy of a Record, Sixpence per Office Sheet, each sheet containing twelve lines, and each line six words.—For any attendance therewith, 6*s.* 8*d.* I have never kept any account of the Net annual Amount of said Fees, but I can very safely take upon me to say, that upon the average of the last three years, they have not amounted to Twenty shillings altogether.

(6.)—There is not any Person specially intrusted with the care of said Records (save as mentioned in my Answer to the 5th Quere) whose duty it is to attend upon every Search, and to take care that every Record, &c. be duly and fairly restored to its proper place, nor is there any other regulation observed respecting same, except that whenever any Record (which has been wanted either for copying or examining) has been copied or examined, it is put back into the place from whence it was taken.

(7.)—With respect to any Matter which appears to me expedient to observe for rendering the use of the said Records, &c. more convenient to the Public, I apprehend it would be of great benefit and utility to have good and sufficient commodious public Offices provided with proper Alphabets and Presses for having the Records arranged and kept in a regular state, with sufficient firing allowed to preserve them from being injured by damps; likewise a servant to keep said Offices swept and cleaned, to light fires in them, and give air to the Rooms when requisite; also a Clerk specially to attend to regulate, occasionally, to examine, free them from dust, and prevent their being injured by vermin.

Robert Cooke,
Town Clerk.

Waterford, 15 March 1811.

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(1.) *Galway.*

173. CUSTOS ROTULORUM.

173. Custos Rotulorum.

SIRS, Garbally, November 10th, 1810.

I HAVE had the honour of receiving the printed Letter of your Secretary, with the string of Queries thereto annexed.

Before I proceed to answer the Queries therein conveyed, I must request your notice to the following Observations:—1st. That my appointment to the Office of Keeper of the Rolls of the County of Galway, did not take place till the month of November 1808; the Patent of my appointment actually bearing date on the 7th of that month, in the 49th year of the King:—2d. That in consequence of the refusal of the late Clerk of the Peace to deliver over to me, or my Deputy, the Rolls and Records of the said County, I was obliged to have recourse to the Court of King's Bench in order to compel their delivery; and that, in point of fact, the custody of the said Records was not delivered over to my Deputy on my behalf, till the 2d June 1809, and consequently, that from this last date only, I consider myself as responsible for their due Arrangement and Preservation:—3d. That the Records of this County are and have been for a long course of years, kept at the Town of Loughrea, as the most central Town in the County, for the purpose of affording greater accommodation to the Public. These Matters being premised, I shall proceed to give the best Answers in my power to the several Queries proposed on behalf of the Commissioners on the Public Records of Ireland.

(1.)—The Public Records, Rolls, Instruments and MS. Books and Papers are as follow:—1st. The Rolls or Records of the Quarter Sessions of the Peace relating to Criminal Matters; these consist of Bills of Indictment found and ignored, Informations, Recognizances, Issues, and the Crown Books.—2d. Records relating to the proceedings at Quarter Sessions on the Civil Side; these consist of the Civil Bill Books, in which are entered the several Civil Bill Causes, with the decree or decision of the Court thereon; under this head may also be classed, Affidavits filed for the renewal of Decrees.—3d. The registry of Leases and Indentures of Apprenticeship.—4th. The registry of Freeholders under Election Acts.—5. The Poll Books of Election of Knights of the Shire to serve in Parliament.—6th. Militia Certificates of Qualification.—7th. Tree Registry under the Acts for the encouragement of Planting.—8th. Spirit Licences.—9th. Arms Registry.—10th. Bakers Registry under 35th Geo. III. Ch. 42.—11th. Smiths Forges.

Of these in their order; and, First, of the Records of the Quarter Sessions of the Peace, relating to Criminal Matters:—

The earliest of these, consisting of Bills of Indictment found and ignored, and the Informations relating thereto, is of the Lent Sessions in 1760; and thence to the Lent Sessions in 1763 there is a chasm in the Records of this description; and thence again another chasm till the October Sessions of 1773; the Records of the few Sessions above enumerated as being forthcoming are also in a very imperfect state. From October 1773 till the July Sessions 1777, there is another chasm; after which the Records of this nature, tied up in separate years, are tolerably correct, with however, some deficiencies till 1800; although they are not in the best state, many of them having considerably suffered from damp prior to their having been delivered into my custody. From 1799 the Recognisances are tolerably well kept, in regular series and good Preservation, but very few Indictments, Informations or Issues appear till 1808; from thence to the present time, they have been carefully and regularly preserved and in good order. The Crown Books are in a very imperfect state till that commencing with the Sessions held in January 1809; from that period till the present these documents are duly preserved in regular series and good order.

2d. Records relating to the proceedings at Quarter Sessions on the Civil Side:—The Civil Bill Books are tolerably perfect from the year 1805; prior to that period they are very defective, and in a very bad state of Preservation. The Renewal Affidavits or Affidavits for the renewal of Decrees, are also regularly kept from the same year, and in good condition.

3d. The Registry of Leases and Indentures of Apprenticeship:—These are classed under the same head, as being entered in the same Book, though without any other connection that I am aware of. I have not been able to discover under what Act of Parliament the registry of Leases among the County Records was required to be made; possibly under some of the early and now repealed Election Acts, as all the Leases so registered in this County are of Freeholds. The Registry of these is made in a fair hand, and in a large folio Book in good Preservation; the entries commence with one made on the 9th of April 1746, and end with an entry of the first of June 1751, between which periods they appear to have been made as proffered with the greatest degree of punctuality and regularity. The Registry of Indentures of Apprenticeship are entered up in the same Book, and at the other end of it; these commence with an entry made on the 29th November 1794, and the last entry of this nature is dated on the 22d June 1810. Although there seems to be no reason to infer that the registry of any Indentures of Apprenticeship tendered for this purpose, has

has been omitted, yet it is to be observed, that the entries of the period intervening between the 29th November 1794 and the 22d June 1810, do not follow each other in regular order, but some of later, are with considerable irregularity placed before others of a prior date.

4th. The Registry of Freeholders under the Election Acts:—The Books of these, from September 1805, with the proper Affidavits, are carefully preserved and in good order, the last being regularly filed and kept on shelves. Upon inquiry for the Books and Affidavits of the earlier periods, my Deputy informs me, that the late Clerk of the Peace declined making them over to him.

5th. The Poll Books of Election of Knights of the Shire to serve in Parliament:—The first Poll Book in the Office is that of the Election held in 1783; and those of all the subsequent Elections to the present period, at which a Poll has been resorted to, are regularly preserved and in good condition.

6th. Militia Certificates of Qualifications:—The Qualifications under the Militia Acts, seem to have been duly entered on parchment, the Roll of which is in good preservation; and the original Certificates are regularly filed from the commencement of the operation of the Militia Laws. The first Entry and Certificate bear date 15th April 1793.

7th. Tree Registry under the Acts for the encouragement of Planting:—The earliest Registry in the Book kept for this purpose is in 1796; and the Book in which the Entries are made is in good order, and appears to have been regularly kept. The Affidavits upon which these Registries are founded, are also filed in series, and are in good condition, and, except in one instance relating to a Registry in 1798, appear perfect: the Affidavit to support the Registry in 1798 is not upon the File.

8th. Spirit Licences:—The Bonds upon this subject, were not made over to the present Clerk of the Peace, till that of the 13th September 1808; from whence till the present period they are regularly filed, and a Book of the Names carefully entered and kept.

9th. Arms Registry:—The Papers under this head are composed of a collection of small Paper Books, dated the 25th April 1795, arranged in Baronies, and entitled, "The Names of such Persons as gave notification of having Arms," and contains the Names and Places of Abode of such Persons: these Books are in good order, and seem to have been properly kept.

10th. Bakers Registry under 35th Geo. III. chap. 42.:—So far as the duty of the Clerk of the Peace or Deputy Keeper of the Records is concerned, this duty appears to have been performed; the Affidavits tendered since 1796, seem to have been duly filed, and are in good order.

11th. Smiths' Forges:—The same observation will also apply to these; the Affidavits have been filed with apparent regularity, and are in good condition.

I have above, as far as I have been able, pointed out the several chasms and defects in the series of the respective Records above enumerated. With respect to the cause of these chasms and deficiencies, as far as they relate to myself, they have arisen from the Records and Papers, the absence of which creates them, not having been delivered over to me, or the custody of my Deputy. How they were originally occasioned, the Commissioners will doubtless be aware that it would be impossible for me to state; more especially as the Custos Rotulorumship was granted to me upon the death of the late possessor of that Office, which precludes all reference to him, and that his Deputy no longer resides in this part of the Kingdom. The same reasoning will likewise serve to account for the impracticability of my stating the periods of time when the same may have happened.

(2.)—The Records of the County of Galway are lodged in a small room, up two pair of stairs, in a small private House; which is the best accommodation that could be procured for them in the Town of Loughrea, for the very limited allowance hitherto afforded by the Public, in this County, for the Rent of an Office for their custody. This allowance made by Grand Jury Presentment (although the powers of Presentment for the purpose are unlimited under the Act 36th Geo. III. chap. 55.) has amounted only to the Sum of 20*l.* sterling per Annum; which has not only been supposed to cover the Rent of a permanent Office in some fixed point within the County, for the Preservation of the Rolls, &c. but also the expense of procuring a fit Place or Office for the Clerk of the Peace at the several Sessional Towns in the County to which he is obliged to resort, with parts of the Public Records, in his official attendance at the Quarter Sessions of the Peace.

(3.)—The approach to the Room in which the Records are kept, is by small narrow stairs common to all the Lodgers and Inmates of the house: With respect to their security, I have however no apprehensions of any attempt being made either to purloin or mutilate them; but the effects of damp (from which in fact many of them have considerably suffered) are always to be apprehended in this climate, more especially in this county, where the walls of all the houses are composed of limestone, and where none of those, of persons in moderate circumstances, are either lined with brick or studded. On the other hand, in order to meet this apprehension, it would be necessary to have fires constantly kept in the room in winter, and occasionally even in the summer months; for the expense of which, in the first place, there is no fund; and secondly, from the confined space and crowded state of the room, unless under the actual inspection of a peculiarly careful person, it would be extremely hazardous to permit any fire being admitted into it.

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(4.)—There are no General Catalogues, Calendars, Schedules or Repertories, or particular Indexes, to each sort of Record in my Office. It appears to me that a General classified Schedule of all the Records, &c. would be highly useful; first, for the purpose of more easy reference; and secondly, with a view to the better ensuring the Preservation of the said Records, as I shall have the honour of suggesting in answer to the 7th Quere. I am of opinion that such a classified Schedule might be well completed by the ordinary diligence of the Persons actually employed in the said Office, within the course of six or eight months, and that no extraordinary assistance would be requisite for this purpose. I am not aware that any such Catalogues, &c. Indexes, &c. relating to my Office, are in existence in any quarter.

(5.)—The Officers and Clerks employed in the Office of Keeper of the Rolls, in the County of Galway, are two; viz. the Clerk of the Peace, and his Deputy or Clerk: Their duty, as applicable to the Quere, is safely to keep all the Rolls, Papers and Records; and hitherto has been to arrange such as gradually come in, and such to which reference is likely to be made, in such manner, as that they may be referred to without difficulty.

The Clerk of the Peace, who is an Attorney in the Courts above, is constantly and personally attendant upon the Courts of General Quarter Sessions, where the Criminal and Civil Bill business of the County is performed; and either he or his Deputy (who is bound in security to the Clerk of the Peace for the performance of his duties) attend the Adjournments of the Quarter Sessions, for the registry of Freeholders, &c. When the Quarter Sessions are not sitting in other places, the attendance at the Office of Loughrea is daily, and the hours of attendance between twelve o'clock and two in the afternoon; besides which, the Deputy is constantly resident at the Town of Loughrea, and reference may at any time, and frequently is had to the Records of the County at other hours. The only Salary to which the Peace Clerk appears to me in any way entitled, in respect of his custody of the Records, or other duties, is under 36 Geo. III. c. 55. and which is limited to 20*l.* per annum; viz. 10*l.* presentable by the Grand Jury at each Assizes. With respect to the Allowance and Emoluments of this Office, including Fees paid him by the Public, I take the liberty of referring to the Answer of my Deputy to this Quere, to whom I understand a Letter upon this subject has also been sent; as also for the Table of the several Fees demandable for each Search, Certificate or Copy of the said Record, &c. or attendance therewith, and for the Annual Amount thereof; which, I take the further liberty of suggesting, must in this instance be taken upon the actual Receipt, and not on the Average of the last three years, which the short time he has been in office will incapacitate him from affording.

(6.)—It is the duty either of the Clerk of the Peace, who is Deputy Keeper of the Records, if present, or in his absence, of his Deputy or Clerk, to attend upon every Search, and to take care himself to replace every Record referred to, in the situation whence it was taken.

(7.)—It appears to me, and I therefore take the liberty of submitting it with great diffidence to the better judgment of the Commissioners, that it would be highly advisable that all Clerks of the Peace, or Deputy Keepers of the Records in Ireland, should be obliged to give security to the amount specified in the 36th Geo. III. c. 55. as well for the due performance of their other official duties, as specifically for that of carefully arranging and preserving the Public Records, &c. intrusted to their charge. As a check upon them for this purpose, I should further suggest, that they should be obliged, with all convenient speed, to make out general classified Schedules of all the Rolls, Records, Books, and other Papers severally intrusted to their care, as already noticed in the Return to the 4th Quere; that a Copy of these Schedules should be respectively certified by them into some public Office or Court of Record in Dublin; and that they should annually, before the last day of March or some earlier period in each year, be obliged to make out similar Schedules of all the Records which had come to their hands during the preceding year, and transmit a certified Copy thereof to the Office aforesaid, there to be preserved: Thus, upon the death, resignation, or dismissal of any of these Officers, the means would exist of checking the due delivery of the Records, &c. to his Successor, through the medium of Copies taken from the Schedules lodged above, with which, and the Records actually delivered over, if there should be any variance, immediate resort might be had to the Securities, and an example thus afforded, which, it is with great diffidence conceived, would effectually operate to prevent future carelessness or misconduct.

Having gone through the several Answers to the Questions proposed, I have only to hope that those Answers may convey the information required, and to subscribe myself, as I shall now have the honour of doing,

Sirs,

Your very obedient

Clancarty,

Custos Rotulorum of the County of Galway.

To the Commissioners on the Public Records in Ireland.

174. PEACE CLERK.

SIR,

I HAD the honour of receiving your Letter, requiring an Answer to several Queries respecting the Records in my custody as Clerk of the Peace for the County of Galway; to which you have, at foot hereof, the best Answers in my power to make, for the information of the Commissioners of Public Records in Ireland. I must however premise, that I did not receive the Records from the late Clerk of the Peace until the 2d of June 1809, from which period only can I hold myself responsible for their care.

I have the honour to be, &c.

Wm Shaw Mason, Esq.
&c. &c. &c.
Loughrea, November 20, 1810.

James Kelly,
Clerk of the Peace for the County of Galway.

(1.)—AS to the several sorts of Public Records, and the State of the same: First, The Bills of Indictment found and ignored, Informations, Recognisances, Issues, and Crown Books, at the several Quarter Sessions of the Peace:—Second, the Civil Bill Books, with the Affidavits for the Renewal of Decrees:—Third, the Registry of Leases, and Indentures of Apprenticeship:—Fourth, the Registry of Freeholders under the Election Act:—Fifth, the Poll Books of Election of Knights of the Shire to serve in Parliament:—Sixth, Militia Certificates of Qualification of Officers for Commissions:—Seventh, Tree Registry under the Act for encouragement of Planting:—Eighth, File of Qualifications for Spirit Licences:—Ninth, Registry of Persons qualified to keep Fire Arms:—Tenth, Bakers' Registry under the 35th of George the Third:—Eleventh, Registry of Smiths' Forges.—As to the earliest Date, and state of Preservation, of these Records, the earliest appear to be Bills of Indictment found and ignored, and Informations relating thereto, of Lent Sessions 1760; from whence to Lent Sessions 1763 there is a chasm in those Records, and from thence again to October 1773, and from thence a chasm to July Sessions 1777; which Records are in a very imperfect state; from 1777 to 1800 they appear tolerably correct, though not in good Preservation, most of them having suffered considerably from damp, prior to their having been placed in my custody. From 1799, the Recognizances appear tolerably correct and in good Preservation; but very few Indictments, Informations, or Issues appear till 1808, from whence they are regularly kept, and in good order. The cause of those deficiencies, they not having occurred since my appointment to the Office of Clerk of the Peace for the County of Galway, it is not in my power to explain.

Second. The Records relating to Proceedings at the Quarter Sessions, on the Civil Side:—The Civil Bill Books, prior to 1805, are in a very bad state of Preservation; from thence to the present period they are in pretty good order, and for the last year perfectly so; as are the Affidavits for the Renewal of Decrees at the Quarter Sessions.

Third. Registry of Leases, and Indentures of Apprenticeship, which are in a large Book kept for that purpose, and in a good state of Preservation. The first Registry of a Lease bears date 9th of April 1746, the last, 1st of June 1751; the first Registry of Indenture of Apprenticeship bears date 29th of November 1794, and the last, 22d of June 1810.

Fourth. The Registry of Freeholders under the Election Acts:—The Books, from September 1805, with the Freeholders' Affidavits, are in good order. The Books prior to that, were not handed over to me by the late Clerk of the Peace.

Fifth. The Poll Books of Election of Knights of the Shire to serve in Parliament:—The first of these is for the Elections in the year 1783; from whence to the present they appear in good order.

Sixth. Militia Certificates:—The Qualifications under the Militia Acts are entered on a Parchment Roll kept for that purpose, which is in good Preservation. The first Certificate is dated 15th of April 1793.

Seventh. Tree Registry under the Acts for the encouragement of Planting:—The Book in which those Registries are made is in good order. The File of Affidavits relative to the Planting of Trees is also in good Preservation; but an Affidavit of a Registry in 1798 was not on the File when delivered to me by the late Clerk of the Peace.

Eighth. Qualifications for Spirit Licences:—Of the Bonds entered into by Spirit Retailers and their Sureties, the first in my custody bears date 13th of September 1808; from whence to the present time they are regularly filed, and the Names entered in a Book kept for that purpose. Prior to that period, none were handed over to me by the late Clerk of the Peace.

Ninth. Arms' Registry:—The Names and Additions of such Persons as have qualified for keeping Fire Arms, are entered in a Book kept for that purpose. The first of these Books, which were handed to me by the late Clerk of the Peace, commences the 25th of April 1795, from which time they appear to have been properly kept.

Tenth. Bakers' Registry:—The first Affidavits of Bakers filed in my Office, are in the year 1796: They, with any that have since been filed, are in good order.

Eleventh. Smiths' Forges:—The few Registries of this kind, that have been made, are in good order; but they do not register regularly.

(2.)—The

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(2.)—The Records of the County of Galway are lodged in a small Room in a private House, in the Town of Loughrea, which is rented by me, and fitted up as an Office, lined with Shelves, and with lock-up Chests for their security; which is the best place I could procure for the sum allowed by the Grand Jury for the Rent of an Office, being 10*l.* at each Assizes; for which sum I am not only obliged to find an Office for the safe custody of the Records that are stationary, but to find a suitable Office, at each Quarter Sessions Town, for such Records as are necessary to be brought thereto.

(3.)—The Records of latter years are in pretty good Preservation, and arranged in order, as well as the Office in which they are kept will permit. Those that are out of date are not arranged with the same regularity, and appear to have suffered much, both from damp and vermin, before they came to my care.

(4.)—No General Catalogues, Calendars, or Indexes, to each sort of Record, were handed to me, with the Records given up to me by the late Clerk of the Peace; but I will endeavour to have such prepared, which I hope may be accomplished in the course of seven or eight months, without any extraordinary assistance.

(5.)—I keep one Clerk or Deputy, who has given security to me for his good conduct and care of the Records with which he is intrusted: His duty is to attend every day at my Office at Loughrea, between the hours of twelve and two o'clock, to make any Searches among the Records, or transact such other official business as may be requisite; to attend Adjournments from the General Sessions, for the registry of Freeholders, when the Quarter Sessions of the Peace are not sitting; and to assist me in the care of such Records as are necessarily obliged to be brought to the different General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, where I always attend in person: The Salary of my Deputy is a matter of private agreement between him and me, no public Salary being allowed for him. The FEES demandable for each Certificate or Copy of a Record, are as follow: For filing every Affidavit that shall be sworn in relation to Crown business, 6*s.* 8*d.*:—For making out a Copy and attesting every such Affidavit, 3*s.* 4*d.*:—For every Crown Summons in which the Parties may insert the names of four Witnesses, 5*s.*:—For every Bench Warrant, 3*s.* 4*d.*:—For every Certificate in relation to Crown business, 3*s.* 4*d.*:—For every Copy of an Indictment, 3*s.* 4*d.*:—For every Copy of the Entry of such Indictment on the Crown Book, 3*s.* 4*d.*:—For the same, for every Copy of an Examination, 1*s.*:—For every Search among the Records in relation to Crown business, 1*s.* 8*d.*—I am unable to average these Fees for the last three years, not having been Clerk of the Peace so long.

(6.)—It is the duty of my Deputy, when I cannot attend in person, to attend upon every Search required to be made among the Records, and to restore them duly and fairly to their proper place.

(7.)—In answering this Quere, if I may be permitted to offer an opinion, I think it would be of great public utility, that the allowance to the Clerks of the Peace, for Rent of their Offices, should be increased to a sum that would enable them to provide proper and suitable Offices for the safe custody and convenient arrangement of the Records committed to their care; which the sum at present presented by the Grand Juries for that purpose is very inadequate to.

James Kelly,
Clerk of the Peace for the County of Galway.

To Wm Shaw Mason, Esquire,
&c. &c. &c.

(2.) *Leitrim.*

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175. Peace Clerk, Leitrim.

SIR,

I HAD not the honour of receiving your Letter of the 18th of September last, until the 20th ult.

(1.)—I BEG leave to inform you, for the information of the Commissioners on the Public Records in Ireland, that the several sorts of Public Records, Rolls, Instruments, Manuscript Books and Papers, in my custody as Clerk of the Peace for the County of Leitrim, are as follow: All such Informations and Recognisances as were returned, by the several Justices of the Peace for said County, into my Office since the year 1798, being the period at which I was appointed to that situation; all the Indictments which have been drawn on said Informations; Abstracts from said Indictments, which are entered in Books at each Sessions, for the use of the Bench; Entries of all Fines imposed, and Recognisances forfeited, which have been estreated, at each Sessions; all such Rules and Orders as the Assistant Barrister and Justices may order to be taken down; Entries of all Civil Bills ruled at the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, or Adjournments, since said period, together with the several Decrees made on each respectively; the Registry of Freeholders of said County, from the year 1795 to the present time, the Affidavits of which I keep on Files, and Abstracts from which I enter in Barony Books pursuant to Act of Parliament; the Names and Places of Abode of such Persons as take and subscribe the Oaths of Allegiance, which are preserved and kept on Parchment Rolls from the said year 1798 to the present period; the Names and Places of Abode of such Persons as have registered their Fire Arms, or Forges, since 1807, the Affidavits of the Registry of which are kept on a File; the Registry of Trees since 1798, which are entered in a Book pursuant to Act of Parliament; and the Certificates of Retailers of Spirits, which are only in force from year to year.

(2.)—That

(2.)—That the said Records are lodged in the House of a private individual in the Town of Carrick-on-Shannon (the Assizes Town of this County;) and that the said House is in my opinion perfectly secure (with the exception of its not being slated;) and the accommodation for the keeping of said Records, although not so convenient as it might be, yet as much so as could reasonably be expected for the sum allowed by Act of Parliament.

(3.)—That the said several Records are arranged in the manner I have already stated, and are in a perfect state of Preservation.

(4.)—That to the Registry of the Freeholders of the County from 1795, and also to the Registry of Trees since 1798, there are complete alphabetical Indexes; and I do not know of any other Indexes that would be necessary, unless an Index to the Roll of those who take and subscribe the Oaths of Allegiance; the number of Spirit Licences taken out in this County within the year being so few, that an Index to them would, in my opinion, be unnecessary.

(5.)—That I have no Officers or Clerks employed for the custody or arrangement of the said Records, the emoluments arising from said Office being small. The Fees demandable on each Search are those mentioned in an Act of Parliament passed in the 49th of His Majesty, and may probably since that period have amounted to Three Pounds.

(6.)—That I intrust no Person with the care of said Records; and that there are no Searches, except what I make myself, when each Record is fairly restored to the place from whence it was taken.

(7.)—Permit me to observe, that the Sessions business of this County is done in three different places, Carrick-on-Shannon, the County Town; Ballinamore, a Town in the same Division; and Manor-hamilton, a Town in the Division of that name. In the two last mentioned Towns there is no Office whatever, although, in general, a great deal of business is to be done in both; nor is there any place for preserving or keeping such of the said Records as may be deemed to belong exclusively to said Division of Manor-hamilton, namely, the Informations and Recognizances returnable to the Sessions held there, and the Decrees on Civil Bills, pronounced by the Assistant Barrister; and for some years past, there has not even been a Court House in said Town of Manor-hamilton, in which the public business of that Division could with any degree of convenience be transacted.

I have the honour to be, &c.
Andrew Johnston.

To Wm Shaw Mason, Esquire,
&c. &c. &c.
Lodge Drumahair, November 13th, 1810.

(3.) *Mayo.*

176. ASSISTANT BARRISTER.

ANSWERS of the ASSISTANT BARRISTER of the County of Mayo, to the QUERIES addressed to him by His Majesty's Commissioners on the Public Records.

SIR, Dublin, November 19th, 1810.

I WAS honoured with your Letter, on my coming to Town at the beginning of this Term; and should have been more speedy in my reply, if I had been able to afford any assistance in the furtherance of an object that I consider of so much importance as the subject of it. I regret that this is not the case; any information that I could give being such as must already be in the possession or within the reach of the Commissioners, from much more authentic and immediate sources.

I have the honour, then, to state, that I am not the Keeper of any Public Records, nor are any such in my custody; and I can, therefore, give no answers to the particular Queries relating to them. The Records of the County are legally in the keeping of the Custos Rotulorum, who executes that part of his office entirely by his Deputy (for that purpose) the Clerk of the Peace; concerning whose duties, emoluments, and powers, it were quite superfluous for me to offer any thing, they being well known and defined by the Common Law, recognised, modified, and enlarged by various statutable regulations: to that Officer, therefore, I must beg leave to refer you, for the details you require. The Clerk of the Peace for the County of Mayo is Mr. Thomas Gildea, of Castlebar.

I have only further to add, that the improvements alluded to in your Queries, aided by the enforcement of the legislative provisions already subsisting on this head, would, I am convinced, eminently conduce to the benefit and convenience of the Community, in so grave and interesting a concern as the safety, order, and use of the Public Records, to which the attention of the Right honourable the Commissioners has been so beneficially directed.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your most obedient humble Servant,
W. H. Ellis,
Assistant Barrister for the County of Mayo.

To Wm Shaw Mason, Esquire.

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ANSWERS to the QUERIES directed by the Commissioners on the Public Records in Ireland.

(1.)—THE several sorts of Records are as follow:—Fifty Pounds, Twenty Pounds, and Forty Shilling Freeholders' Affidavits of Registry, alphabetically arranged, and regularly assorted into Baronies:—Barony Books, for arranging alphabetically therein the Names of the several Freeholders in the County of Mayo:—County Books for the same:—Qualification Parchment Rolls, for recording the Names of the Roman Catholic Freeholders thereon:—Spirit Retailers' Bonds:—Affidavits of Renewals of Quarter Sessions Decrees and Dismisses:—Affidavits and Appeals from Quarter Sessions Decrees or Dismisses to the General Assizes:—Extra Informations and Recognisances:—Extra Bills of Indictment:—County Crown Books for General Quarter Sessions:—County Civil-Bill Books, for recording the several Decrees, Dismisses, and Renewals of Decrees:—Deputy Governors' Qualifications:—Militia Officers' Qualifications:—Magistrates' Commissions of the Peace:—Magistrates' Parchment Qualification Rolls:—Affidavits of the Registry of Trees:—Alphabetical Book for same:—Manor Court Patents:—Manor Court Duplicates of Proceedings:—Affidavits of registered Bakers:—County Registry Book for same:—Complaints, Summonses, and Orders, of Rectors of Unions:—Schedules and Discharges of Insolvent Debtors at General Quarter Sessions:—Affidavits and Notifications of Persons qualified to carry Arms:—Old County Registry Book of Leases:—Old Statutes:—Abridgment of the Statutes, and Acts of Parliament:—Affidavits of Sheriffs at former Elections:—Affidavits of Deputy Sheriffs at former Elections:—Affidavits of Merchants respecting Return of Grain or Meal, &c.:—Apprentices' Indentures, and Discharges at General Quarter Sessions:—Election Poll Books:—Affidavits of Blacksmiths:—Magistrates' Certificates, enabling Blacksmiths to work at their Trade.

(2.)—The Records are kept in the public Office of the Clerk of the Peace, being a part of his private property, and annexed to his dwelling-house, situated in the Town of Castlebar, the most central Town of the County Mayo, and one of the Towns in which the General Assizes are held.

(3.)—The Records of said County are kept in the above Office in a high state of Preservation, and are all alphabetically arranged, so far as they will admit of.

(4.)—There are no General Catalogues, Calendars, Schedules or Indexes, except that each sort of Record is kept separate and alphabeted, the same being as regularly arranged as they possibly can be; and they are all kept in the public Office of the Clerk of the Peace, no other Office being kept for the same in said County.

(5.)—The Clerk of the Peace is the only Officer in whose custody the Records of said County are kept; whose duty it is to keep the same regularly arranged, and to attend his Office at all General Sessions and Adjournments thereof, and at all other times in which he may be wanting: He keeps a Deputy, to assist him in the execution of his office. The Salary of the Clerk of the Peace, for performing the several duties imposed on him, being sometimes more or less (as it principally depends upon the Grand Jury at each Assizes,) and his Fees in all other respects being small and varying so much, and no account of them having been kept, they cannot be ascertained: But he refers you to the Registry Act of the 35th George III. for registering Freeholders, and to an Act of the 49th George III. for regulating the Fees payable by Persons charged with Treasons, Felonies, and all other Offences at Assizes and Quarter Sessions in Ireland; and to the Civil Bill Act of the 36th George III.

(6.)—The Clerk of the Peace is the only Person specially intrusted with the care of the said Records; whose duty it is to attend upon every Search, and to take care that every Record be duly and fairly restored to its proper place; and his Office is that of the Clerk of the Peace, and the only one in said County.

(7.)—Every thing relating to the Office of Clerk of the Peace is comprised in the foregoing Answers.

(Signed) *Thomas Gildea,*
Clerk of the Peace for the County of Mayo.

(4.) *Roscommon.*

178. PEACE CLERK.

The ANSWER of Patrick M'Keogh, Gentleman, CLERK OF THE PEACE for the County of Roscommon, to the QUERIES directed by the Right Honourable the Commissioners on the Public Records in Ireland.

178. Peace Clerk, Roscommon.

(1.)—THE following Public Records, Rolls, Instruments, and Manuscript Books and Papers, are in my custody; viz. Affidavits relating to the Registry of Trees, with a Book in which they are alphabetically entered, commencing the 11th of April 1768, and continued down to the present period; Affidavits relating to the Registry of Freeholders, with Baronial Books in which they are alphabetically entered, commencing the 18th of July 1795, and continued to the present period; Affidavits and Certificates relating to the Qualification of Militia Officers, with a Book in which they are alphabetically entered, from the 29th of April 1793, to the present period; Affidavits and Notifications relating to Qualifications as to the keeping of Arms, with Baronial Books in which they

they are alphabetically entered, commencing the 26th of March 1796, to the present period; Recommendations as to Smiths and Forges, commencing the 15th of January 1799, to the present period; Affidavits relating to Bakers; Bonds and Certificates relating to Spirit Retailers, commencing the 29th September 1799, to the present period; Examinations and Recognisances for appearance at Sessions, and Recognisances for good behaviour; True-Bill Files of Indictments; No-Bill Files of Indictments; Precepts; Issues; Grand and Petty Jury Panels, and Crown Books, commencing the 21st May 1796, to the present period; Civil Bill Books, commencing the 8th of October 1796, to the present period; Affidavits on renewals of Decrees, commencing the 24th April 1797, to the present period; Affidavits and Recognisances relating to Appeals on Civil Bill Decrees, commencing the 24th of April 1797, to the present period; Commissions for Justices of the Peace for this County, the first dated the 14th of January 1797, and the last dated the 23d of January 1810, and the remainder, of different dates, in the intermediate time; Rolls, with the Oaths of Qualification, and Declaration taken and subscribed by His Majesty's Subjects professing the Roman Catholic Religion, for twelve months last past, the antecedent ones whereof were returned to the Rolls Office of the Court of Chancery; Qualifications of Deputy Governors, commencing 23d April 1793, and ending 10th July 1793; Poll Books relating to the different Elections for Knights in Parliament for this County, that were contested, from the 3d August 1797 to the present time.

(2.)—The said Records, Rolls, Instruments, Manuscript Books and Papers, are lodged in a Slated Building, in safe and secure condition, in presses provided by me for that purpose; which Building is private property.

(3.)—Said Records are in a safe state of Preservation; and are arranged in presses, under the different heads they appertain to.

(4.)—There are no other Catalogues, Schedules, Repertories or Indexes, to each sort of said Records, farther than I have before mentioned in my Answer to the First and Third Queries; and which I conceive to be sufficiently complete to answer all degrees of utility.

(5.)—I keep one Clerk annually employed for the custody and arrangement of said Records, and writing and transcribing the business relating thereto; and occasionally one or more Clerks, as the hurry of Sessions and other business requires: My annual Clerk resides in the House wherein I keep said Records, and is in daily attendance from ten o'clock in the morning until four in the afternoon, save when he may be obliged to attend Sessions and Adjournments; to whom I pay 50*l.* a year net annual Salary, beside some Perquisites, which he has on Searches, Bench Warrants, Copies of Examinations and Certificates, Crown Summonses, and Civil Bill Tests, the amount of which I cannot set forth, as they vary according to the will and pleasure of the giver; neither can I set an average thereon for the three last years, or any other period, as no account has been ever kept thereof.

(6.)—My annual Clerk, whom I have mentioned in my Answer to the Fifth Quere, is specially intrusted with the care of said Records; whose duty it is to attend upon every Search, and to take care that every Record, and other thing relating thereto, shall be duly and fairly restored to its proper place; and whenever I am unable to attend in person, he is authorized to act as my Deputy, so that the name of his office is Deputy Clerk of the Peace.

(7.)—I do not know of any Matter, not comprised in the preceding Questions, which it is necessary or expedient to observe, for rendering the use of the said Records more convenient to the Public; save that I conceive that there ought to be an Allowance made for the expenses of procuring Fire to keep said Records free from damp; and that the Fees now allowed for making Copies of the Registry Books of Freeholders and Poll Books should be increased, for, as they now stand, they are not sufficient for the purchase of paper necessary for same, exclusive of the arduous trouble in making them out, and to which every Clerk of the Peace is liable to be put by any Freeholder of the County, which also leaves great room for vexatious trouble on that head.

Examined by
Patrick M'Keogh.

179. RECORDER OF BOYLE.

SIR, Dublin, October 24th, 1810.

LORD LORTON being on the point of sailing for England this night, I have the honour to inform you, that there are no Records in the Corporation of Boyle; the only one we had is the Borough Book, which, being sent up to Dublin at the time of the Union, has been mislaid in some of the Offices.

J. H. Gouldsbury,
Borough Master.

APPENDIX.

Connaught Province: Sligo.

(5.) *Sligo.*

180. PEACE CLERK.

The ANSWERS of the CLERK OF THE PEACE for the County of Sligo, to the QUERIES directed to him by the Commissioners on the Public Records in Ireland, in the year 1810.

180. Peace Clerk.

(1.)—THE Clerk of the Peace answers:—The Records in his possession are those of the Freeholds of the County; of the Roman Catholic Qualifications, and the Papers belonging thereto; the Registry from Sessions to Sessions of the Crown and Criminal Prosecutions, with their Verdicts, &c.; that of the Civil Bills, with their attendant Decrees, Dismisses, Appeals, &c.; the Registry of Trees planted, &c. in said County; together with that of Roads accounted for at the October Sessions, since the commencement of the Act allowing them so to be done. These Records appear to him to be in a tolerable state of Preservation for 30 or 40 years past. The Writer hereof was appointed to the Office of Clerk of the Peace in 1805.

(2.)—In a private room appropriated to that purpose in the dwelling-house of the Clerk of the Peace, which is slated, and secured as slated houses generally are, and in a proper keeping press, with necessary alphabets, &c. Said House is private property.

(3.)—In Preservation, as stated in No. 1.; and in regular alphabetical order.

(4.)—The Clerk of the Peace has only to say, in reply to this Quere, that sufficient Catalogues and Indexes are forthcoming, so far as they can be said to be necessary for the regulation of the Records stated in No. 1. to be in existence.

(5.)—A Deputy Clerk of the Peace, who attends from ten till four o'clock each day, to transact such business as may occur, to arrange the Papers of the Office, and see that they do not suffer for want of air: He has no Salary whatever from the Public; the Clerk of the Peace pays him Thirty Guineas per annum, and allows him the casual Fees on Searches into the Records, and on Processes ad Testificandum, which he averages at Six Guineas per annum.

(6.)—Answered in report to the Fifth Quere.

(7.)—The Writer hereof knows not of any.

Signed by

J. Christian,
Clerk of the Peace, County of Sligo.

January 1811.

181. PROVOST OF SLIGO.

ANSWERS to the several QUERIES by the Right Honourable the Commissioners of Public Records in Ireland.

181. Provost of Sligo.

(1.) THE several Public Records belonging to the Corporation of Sligo, in my custody, as Keeper of the Records of said Corporation, and in which there is no chasm or deficiency from the year 1783 down to the present period, are, the Book wherein are entered the Names and Elections of all the Members to serve in Parliament for the Borough of Sligo, down from the year 1754 to the present time, with the Names of the several Provosts and Burgesses, and all Bye Laws enacted for the said Corporation of Sligo during said time: A Book is also kept, wherein all Actions or Writs issued by the Provost are entered, as are the Declarations filed by Plaintiffs, with the Issues to Juries, and Judgments of the Court; in all of which there is no chasm from the period aforesaid.

(2.)—Said Records are lodged in the Town of Sligo, in a secure and commodious Office; which Office is private property.

(3.)—Said Records are in a state of perfect Preservation, and entered as stated in last Quere.

(4.)—There is no Catalogue, Calendar, Repertory or Index, to any of said Records, save that they are entered according to their respective dates in the Books before mentioned; nor can I take on myself to say what degree of utility would result from such being completed; but should it be necessary, one Assistant, with the Town Clerk, would accomplish the same in twenty-one days. I do not know where any of the Records of said Corporation are, except as before stated.

(5.)—There is no Clerk for the arrangement, save the Town Clerk, whose duty it is to keep such Records arranged as aforesaid, and to attend in the Provost's Office from eleven to four o'clock every day (Sundays excepted); he has no Fee from the Public for such attendance or arrangement; his Fee on each is 3*s.* 4*d.* which he has claimed so seldom that he has no account thereof, to allow him to strike an average of the amount of the last three years.

(6.)—This is answered in the last Quere.

(7.)—I do not know of any.

Given under my hand, at Sligo, this 29th April 1811.

T. Sodin,
Provost of Sligo.

Wm Shaw Mason, Esquire,
&c. &c. &c.

8. MARITIME COURT.

(1.) *Court of Admiralty.*

182. REGISTER OF THE COURT OF ADMIRALTY.

182. Register.

The ANSWERS of the REGISTER OF THE COURT OF ADMIRALTY of that part of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland called Ireland.

(1.)—THE Records of the Court of Admiralty, are as follow: One Parchment Roll, on which the Advocates Proctors and Officers of the Court sign their names, at the periods of their admission, on taking the Oath of Allegiance and other usual Oaths and Declaration thereon written; it contains four half skins of parchment, commences in the year 1727, and ends in 1802: One other Parchment Roll, of a similar kind as the above, with similar signatures, commencing in 1797 and ending in 1809. The foregoing are the only Rolls.

The Instruments are, Stipulations or Bail Bonds, signed by Persons to obtain, pendente Lite, the Release of Vessels or Persons detained under process of the Court, and commonly given up to them on the termination of the Suit. Of these there remain Twenty-seven in number, commencing in the year 1805, and ending in 1809.

The Manuscript Books are the Rule Books, or Books of the Orders of the Court in the different Suits pending, and are as follow:—

1747	August 4th,	Commencing	Ending	5th April	1747
1748	April 19th	D°	D°	18th July	1748
1748	July 19th	D°	D°	21st October	1748
1751	May 3d	D°	D°	1st May	1752
1752	May 11th	D°	D°	8th August	1753
1757	October 25th	D°	D°	24th July	1758
1758	July 24th	D°	D°	16th March	1759
1760	October 28th	D°	D°	8th February	1763
1783	June 4th	D°	D°	26th January	1786
1786	January 28th	D°	D°	29th December	1787
1782	June 9th	D°	D°	27th February	1796
1796	February 25th	D°	D°	17th August	1796
1797	May 31st	D°	D°	30th September	1800
1798	May 7th	D°	D°	4th September	1799
1800	October 7th	D°	D°	28th October	1803
1800	October 7th	D°	D°	23d June	1802
1802	June 23d	D°	D°	24th September	1803
1803	September 26th,	D°	D°	16th July	1804
1804	July 17th	D°	D°	17th October	1804
1804	October 13th	D°	D°	21st January	1805
1805	January 21st	D°	D°	12th January	1806
1806	January 13th	D°	D°	23d December	1806
1807	January 1st	D°	D°	25th January	1808
1808	January 25th	D°	D°	25th January	1809
1809	January 25th	D°	D°	25th January	1810
1810	January 25th	D°	Ending the present time.		

The foregoing are the only Manuscript Books; and there are no printed Books.

The Papers are, the Affidavits on which Warrants have issued, besides those made in the different Causes; Warrants, when returned into the Registry, after having been issued; Proxies, being Powers or Warrants of Attorney from the Suitors, to authorize the Proctors to commence and defend Suits; Fiats, Appearances, Notices, Orders, Allegations, Petitions, and Libels; Exceptions, Matters contrary and defensive, Monitions, Sentences; and the different Papers incidental to the Causes instituted in the Court. The Chasms or Deficiencies principally consist in the Rule Books, and are in the year 1748, and between 1748 and 1751, 1753 and 1757, 1763 and 1783, 1787 and 1792, 1796 and 1797. There is likewise a deficiency in the Papers previous to the 25th January 1805, when the Register was sworn into office, few Papers being deposited with him; and in certain Causes then pending, or not long previously decided; nor can he otherwise account for the causes or periods when such deficiencies happened, but supposes the Papers alluded to as deficient, were not considered of any value, when the temporary Causes to which these relate were ended. and therefore not forwarded from Officer to Officer, as in strictness they should have been.

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182. Register.

(2.)—The Records are lodged in a front Parlour of the Register's House at Stephens-Green, Dublin, locked up, except when he is in it at daily business.

(3.)—These Records are arranged in the following order:—The Affidavits of each year since 1805 are on separate Files, labelled with the year; the Proxies, Fiats, Consents, Warrants returned, Commissions of Appraisement and Sale, Monitions, are all on separate Files, and labelled; the Papers relating to each Cause are tied up together, and labelled with Promovent and Impugnant's Names, and placed in an Alphabet. alphabetically arranged according to the Ship's Name.

(4.)—There is an Inventory of all the Papers now in the Registry, with a reference where each may be found immediately, answering all necessary purposes.

(5.)—The Register keeps the Records in his own custody; and neither he nor his Clerk, who only copies Proceedings, and is paid by the Register half-a-guinea a week when employed, which is not constantly, derive any Emolument, Income, or Salary, for such custody. The Register makes no charge for Searches in his Office for one year, but charges 3 *s.* 4 *d.* for every previous ten years; and 3 *s.* 4 *d.* for each Certificate, if required; and 9 *d.* for every seventy-two words of attested Copies of the Records, and 2 *d.* to the Clerk for ditto; and 6 *s.* 8 *d.* for attending each Day in Court with the Records, for the Parties in each Cause, on a hearing day. The Fees and Emoluments of the Register, for the last three years for which the same have been made up, deducting the expense he pays out of his own pocket to the Clerk, amount to Fifty-two Pounds a-year; and those of the Clerk, for the same period, received from the Public, did not amount to 5 *l.* a-year.

(6.)—The Register performs these Duties.

(7.)—It is not apprehended by the Officer that there are any Matters, not comprised in the preceding Queries, which it is necessary or expedient to observe, for rendering the use of the said Records more convenient to the Public.

Daniel Pineau,
Register.

9. ECCLESIASTICAL COURTS.

(1.) *Court of Prerogative.*

183. REGISTER.

The ANSWERS of John Hawkins, DEPUTY REGISTER OF HIS MAJESTY'S COURT OF PREROGATIVE AND FACULTIES in Ireland, to the several QUERIES directed by the Right Honourable the Commissioners on the Public Records.

183. Register, Prerogative Court.

(1.)—THE Records in my possession, as Deputy Register, are—The original Wills lodged in the Office of said Court; the Books of Entry, or Copies of such Wills; and also the Books of Entry of Administrations and Marriage Licences issued from said Court; the Rule Books of same; and the several Pleadings and Depositions in Causes that now are prosecuting, or have been heretofore prosecuted in said Court:—The Books of Entries of Faculties granted to Clergymen to hold Pluralities of Livings, and to other Persons for exercising the Office of Public Notary; as also the Rolls containing the Oaths and Declarations which the latter take and subscribe:—Several Manuscript Books, termed Regal Visitation Books, of very ancient dates, and rarely resorted to; some Extracts from which are subjoined to the Returns from this Office. The earliest of said Records (namely, original Wills) appear to commence about the year 1530; and I know of no Chasms or Deficiencies, save that, previous to the commencement of my Predecessor, some Wills were delivered out, according to ancient custom, which never were returned.

(2.)—The several Records already stated, are lodged in a Building in Henrietta-street, the property of the Reverend John Robinson, the Register of said Court; which Building contains sufficient accommodation for said Records, and is as secure as private houses usually are.

(3.)—All said Records are in good Preservation, and are arranged in alphabetical order; save some very old Cause Papers, scarcely ever resorted to, which are, and for many years back have been, in a promiscuous state: Nothing, however, but the uncertainty of the time the Office might remain in its present situation, prevented their being arranged as the others.

(4.)—There are Indexes and Alphabets to such of said Records as are necessary, and suited to public convenience; and I do not consider that they are at all defective, or that any utility could arise from varying the present system, or making any additional Alphabets. I know of no Catalogues, Index, or Record, pertaining to this Office, that exist elsewhere; save that I understand there is a Regal Visitation Book in the possession of William Betham, Esquire, Deputy Ulster at Arms; but whether the same was ever in, or of right belongs to, this Office, I cannot take upon me to determine.

(5.)—I have,

(5.)—I have, as Deputy Register, the exclusive custody and arrangement of the several Records; but some of the Clerks employed by me have occasional access to them, without any Emolument in consequence thereof; and the hours of their Attendance for the general Business of the Public, are from ten to four each day, Sundays, and Holidays, which are very few indeed, excepted. The Fees demandable and payable by the Public are as follow:—For each Search, 2*s.* 8½*d.*; for Certificate or Copy, 9*d.* per Office Sheet (exclusive of Stamp Duty); and for Attendance an entire day with any Record, 11*s.* 4½*d.* As to the net annual receipt of such Fees, it would be a matter of great difficulty indeed to ascertain, as they are blended with the general Accounts of the Office.

(6.)—I am specially intrusted with the care of said Records; and it is the duty of the Clerks acting under me to attend to the Searches, and of some of them to restore the several Records, resorted to, to their proper places.

(7.)—I know of no Matter, not comprised in the foregoing; save that a Public Repository, in a central situation, and secured from fire, would, as I conceive, be most expedient, inasmuch as it would preserve the said Records from accident, and render them more convenient to the Public.

Prerogative Office, 29th January 1811. *John Hawkins.*

184. EXAMINER.

The ANSWER of Matthew Hagarty, EXAMINER OF HIS MAJESTY'S COURT OF PREROGATIVE in Ireland, to the QUERIES directed by the Right Honourable the Commissioners of Public Records.

(1.)—AS Examiner of this Court, I have the custody of all such Depositions as I take in Causes that are at issue in said Court, and such Depositions I keep locked up in Drawers in the Registry of said Court; but, although I retain the custody of such Depositions until publication passes in the several Causes, yet such custody on my part is considered to cease as soon as each Witness is examined and repeated, or in other words, so soon as each Witness acknowledges his Depositions before the Right Honourable Patrick Duigenan, the Judge of this Court. From the time of publication passing in said several Causes, the Depositions are deposited by me with John Hawkins, Esquire, the Deputy Register of the said Court.

As I have not the custody of any Public Records, Rolls, Instruments, Manuscript Books or Papers, save the temporary custody of the said Depositions, as mentioned in my Answers to the first Quere, I cannot make answer to the subsequent Queries, but must beg leave to refer to the Answers of the said John Hawkins, as being the only Person competent thereto.

Matthew Hagarty.

January 1811.

EXTRACTS from the REGAL VISITATION BOOKS in the PREROGATIVE OFFICE; viz.

I. A Copy of an Inquisition by Meyler Fitzhenrie, respecting the Property of the Church of Limerick, made in the 12th Century.

II. The Bishop of Ferns (Ram's) detailed Account of the Value of his See, and of the various Livings therein, during the Rebellion and "in tempore pacis;" stating also the qualifications of each of his Clergy, and relating the measures adopted by him for the purpose of encouraging such as professed the Religion of the Established Church. It is to be lamented that this curious document is much mutilated, and part of it entirely destroyed.

III. A similar account of the Diocese of Leighlin.

I.

Inquisitio capta p Meylerum Fitzhenrie tunc Justič hiẽniæ sup terris ad Ecclesiam Limericeñ spectantibus.

Omnibus ad quos p̃sentes ĩræ pvenerint Milerus Fitzhenrie, Justič hiẽniæ saltm novit uni℣sitas vr̃a qd anno q° d̃ñs T primas Ardmachanus obiit p p̃ceptum Dñi I regis Angliæ et p visum Willĩmi de Burgo facta fuit recognitio p sacramentum XII Anglicorum, et XII Ostermanorum et XII hiẽniensiũ fidelium et legalium hominum de terris ecc̃iis & ceteris ptineñ ad Limereceñ Ecc̃iam spectantibus. Quorum ista sunt nõĩa Imlech Dromggi cum ptiñ, Killmechelogg cum ptiñ, Kyllmacomarva cum ptiñ, Ardmacwelan cũ ptĩ, Brugrignursi cum ptiñ, Ardpatricke cum ptiñ, Kellcomgan cum ptiñ, Calerthawa cum ptiñ, Cluencomverda cum ptiñ, Cellorcleos cum ptiñ, Kelldeochaliathin cum ptiñ, Cluencrenur cum ptiñ, Drũcollechaelli cum ptiñ, Cluenclaidmech cum ptiñ, Cluonelti cum ptiñ, Clonkai cum ptiñ, Kellice cum ptiñ, Ardachad cum ptiñ, Kellumrille cum ptiñ, Kellergussa cum ptiñ, Magmor cum ptiñ, Belaghdromor cum ptiñ, Lemchaell cum ptiñ, Ardunwir cum ptiñ, Disinirte cum ptiñ, Murdewar cum ptiñ,

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Ecclesiastical Courts: Court of Prerogative.

184. Examiner.

ptiñ, Scigolie cum ptiñ, Coundailie cum ptiñ, Juriast cum ptiñ, dimid p' Inystachidch, Kellskanell cum ptiñ, Clonnech cum ptiñ, Rathnaseir cum ptiñ, Kellmacluana cum ptiñ, Cluonsiebria cum ptiñ, Drochetarsna cum ptiñ, Kellnorsiduagi cum ptiñ, Diserteagast cum ptiñ, Killinorcon cum ptiñ, Tullachbraci cum ptiñ, Kellcharlie cum ptiñ, Kellduna cum ptiñ, Kellallachan cum ptiñ, Kellchurnam cum ptiñ, Ardcatur cum ptiñ, Kelldachold cum ptiñ, Kellmacgowan cum ptiñ, Kellnorchalichi cum ptiñ, Atnir cum ptiñ, Mungarett cum ptiñ, Imbedchinir et aliis Meschluona Recognitis, quorum hæc sunt nomina, scilicet Ballydorchun, Ballihibebon, Rachen, Raencuam, Ballyhichum, cum ptiñ p̄dictorum. Donaghmore cum ptiñ, Sengell cum ptiñ, Inchiocoman cum ptiñ, Kellchuan cum ptiñ, Kelliedmi cum ptiñ, Kellros cum ptineñ, Ecclia sc̄i Maenchini cum ptiñ scilicet Kie, Karragiedacham, Kelldairi, cum ptineñ p̄dcarū ecclia Brigide, Ecclia sc̄i Johannis cum ptiñ, Ecclia sc̄i Petri cum ptiñ, Ecclesia sc̄i Martini cum ptiñ, Ecclia sc̄i Michis cum ptiñ, Ecclia sc̄æ Mariæ Rotunda cum ptiñ, Ecclia sc̄i Nichi cum ptiñ, Claronaedugam cum ptiñ, Munmidarcha cum ptiñ, Cluonidublagh in duabus ptibus. Dimidiū ps tr̄æ in Mutirichroidir sc̄licet pars Mergni et Nudalidum Balichchūm cum ptiñ, Formaylriar cum ptiñ, Magdublacua cum ptiñ, Balli Marchada cum ptiñ, Ballichor chor chiam cum ptiñ, Cahirdubanlig cum ptiñ, Kellonchon cum ptiñ, Balli Mulcatha cum ptiñ. In civitate Limer̄ dimid ps piscatae Coradognir et certa Molendina sup aquam juxta muros civitatis et decima gen̄aliter omnium piscium qui a piscatoribus ejusdem civitatis capiuntur decima bladi om̄iū Civium de Cottheun et unus galo servicie de quilibet servicia penes Limericke, et dimidius galo de uno quoque medone Ista aut̄m Recognitio facta fuerat coram C Laomen et D Rosensi Ep̄is, Willimo de Burgo, Galffridus de Mareys, Galffridus de Caumnill, Thoma filius Mauritii, Tebaed de Troya, Conchuwr Ruad M'Bryan, Willimo de Mara, Blandervino de Henceford, Adam Bart, Magon de Churchulle, Osbert Cankemeso, Symone de Troya, Thomas filius Ep̄is, Hugo de Screnfrude, Rato Dondonenold, Roberto de Thaher, Adam Duƀ, Waltero de Hunnenil, Sywardo p̄ porcio de Lim̄icke et sufficientibus aliis, &c.

Copia vera extracta ex Libro Nigro, called
The Bishop's Black Book.

HAR. LIMER. et FENEL.

II.

A true accompt of the Bishop of Fernes and Leighlin, how he hath performed those duties w̄ch the Right Reverend father in God the Archb̄p of Dublin, being his Metropolitane, undertook unto his Majesty for him and the rest of his Suffragans; made this first of September 1612.

1. Concerning the order and course which I have holden for the suppressing of popery and planting the truth of Religion in each of my Dioces, it hath beene of two sorts—ffirst being advised by some in authority (unto whom his Mt' pleasure and the state of those times were better known then unto me) to carry myself in all mild and gentle manner toward my diocesans & circuits, I never (till of late) proceeded to the excommunication of any for matter of Religion, but contented myself only to confer with divers of each dioces both poore and rich, and that in the most familiar and kind manner that I cold, confirming our doctrines and confuting ther assertions by the touchstone of all truth the holy scriptures. And for the poorer sort, some of them have not only discovered unto me privately ther dislike of popery and of the masse, in regard they understood not what is said or done therein, but also groaned under the burthen of the many priests in respect of the double tithes and offerings, the one paid by them unto us and the other unto them. Being then demanded of me why they did not forsake the masse, and come to our Church, ther answere hath bene (w̄ch I know to be true in some) that if they shold be of our Religion, no popish marchant wold employ them being sailors, no popish landlord wold let them any lands being husbandmen, nor sett them houses in tenantry being Artificers, And therefore they must either starve or doe as they doe. As for the Gentlemen and those of the richer sort I have alwaies found them very obstinate, w̄ch hath proceeded from the priests resorting unto ther houses and company, and continuall hammering of them upon ther superstitious anvell. Touching the second course, since the time that His Mty signified his expresse pleasure that the censures of the Church shold be by us practised against recusants after often . . . . . [*torn*] . . . . . plain and mild manner, but all to no purpose, I . . . . . [*torn*] . . . . . to repair unto ther parish Church on daies . . . . .

beene catechised by some priest, what answere to make viz. " that they were resolved to live and dy in that Religion, and that they knew that they must be emprisoned at the lengh, and therefore (said they) as good now as hereafter."

2. I have contenually resided either in the Diocese of Fernes or of Leighlin, sometimes in the one sometimes in the other, And in w^ch^soever myself have been I have exercised the ecclesiasticall jurisdiction in person, when I was not, mine officiall supplied my roome.

3. Having been about VII years Bishop, I have every yeare once visited each of my dioces in person, and have called before me my clergy in each deanry, and two at the lest of the laity out of every parish for sidesmen upon their oaths to detect all the offences and defects of ecclesiasticall cognisance committed w^th^in ther several parishes, and have accordingly proceeded therein.

4. If I be authorized under the seale to tender the oath of allegiance to every man of sort within my diocesses, I am most reddy and willing to put it in execution, to persuade them in the best and serious manner that I can to take that oath, and duely and truely to certify the L. Deputy from time to time the names both of the takers and refusers thereof.

5. There was never any yet admitted by me or mine officiall unto any spiritual living w^th^in either of my dioces, but he did distinctly wth his mouth pronounce and (I doubt not) but truely and willingly wth his hart embrace and take the oath of supremacy.

6. Having as diligently as I can enquired what priests, &c. resort each of my dioces, and who are the ordinary harbourers of them, I . . . . . followeth.

In the Diocese of Ferns.

. . . . [*rest of the sheet destroyed*] . . . . . residing either in the house of . . . . . .

2. Sr James Walsh, sometimes at the house of Jouan Shaue als Shea in the towne of New Rosse and sometimes at the Bane being V miles beyond Fernes.

3. Sr Mathew Roch, livinge in New Rosse, sometimes at the House of his Brother Luke Roch and sometimes at the house of Matthew Shaw als Shea in the same towne.

4. Sr Richard Fitzharries, either in New Rosse at his Brother James Fitzharries Fitzjohn his house, or at Stoakstowne wth Mr Nicholas Dormer, or at the house of Matthew Dormer (brother to the said Nicholas) at Talleragh — This Richard is now beginning to build a masse house in Rosse upon the land of his Brother James. Mine humble suit is, that some p̄sent course may be taken for the hindering thereof, as also for the nailing up of the doore of another chappell in that towne of Newrosse formerly built by S^r^, David Dowle aforesaid.

5. Sir William Dowle, keeping ordinarily in new Rosse at the house of his Brother Patrick Dowle.

6. Sir John Quiltey a roaving priest, sometimes one of our Clergy (but long since) keeping here and ther in the parishes of Old Rosse, and the parishes neere adjoining.

7. Sir William Barrick, a very old Man, keepinge at New Rosse in the House of William Bennett: This man about X Years since was one of our Clergy and was Vicar of New Rosse.

8. Sir Tirielogh, priest, heretofore haunting to the house of Walter Archer of Ardcloman, but of late I have not heard of him.

9. One . . . . . Dormer, priest, Brother to Marcus Dormer of Newrosse, in whose house he for the most part keepeth.

10. Sir Nicholas OColly, keeping hear and ther in the parish of Kilcomman neere to Felin and Redmon Mc Feagh ther Houses.

11. Sir William Furlong of Wexford, friar, resing for the most part either to the house of Patrick Furlong of Wexford Alderman his father, or to the house of John Furlong of Wexford his Brother.

12. Sir William Waddinge, priest, frequenting the house of Walter Waddinge his father in the towne of Wexford.

13. Sir William Devoroux, priest, keeping in Wexford heare and ther at no certaine place.

14. Sir William Hanton, priest, abiding in the parish of Maglas in a house built upon the Land of . . . . . Wadd . . . . . in Polington . . . . . .

16. [*remainder of the sheet destroyed.*]

In the Diocese of Leighlin.

1. Sir Laghlin Oge, keeping for the most part either at the house of John Browne in the towne of Caterlogh, or at the House of Margāt Archer Widow, or at the House of Walter Butler of Caterlogh merchant.

2. Sir Murtogh ODowling, a vicar General of the dioces of Kildare coming by starts is harboured at the house of William Dun of Binnekerry neere Caterlogh.

3. Luke Archer, Vicar General for the dioces of Leighlin, keeping for the most part in Killkenny; at his coming into the County of Caterlogh resōt^s^ unto the house of Edmond Mc Tirielogh of Ravilly.

APPENDIX.

Ecclesiastical Courts: Court of Prerogative. 184. Examiner.

4. Sir Christopher Priest, sometimes keeping at the house of Nicholas Caffoy of nere Leighlin, but I heard not of his resort thither of late.

5. Sir Thomas Reugh, priest, keeping about a XII month since at the house of Garrat M[c] Teg of Ratellick in the parish of Killabban: wher (his arm being broken) he lay at cure, but since I have not heard of him.

6. Sir Murtogh Dun, priest, coming by starts into this Dioces, but residing ordinarily wth his Brother James Dun at Dunmannock in the dioces of Kildare.

7. One Gilloduff, a young priest roaving hether and thether.

8. Sir Patrick Oge, keeping hear and ther in about the parish of Tulleghfelim.

9. Sir Thomas Oge O'Hinnagan, frequenting the house of Garratt M'Kilpatrick in the Rahen in the parish of Clonemore.

10. Sir Molrony M'Grew, priest, keeping in the parish of Raville in no certen place that I can yet lerne, but as his occasions lead him.

7. No popish priest hath ever been admitted either to Church living or Cure w[th]in either of my diocess during mine Incumbency; nether (God willing) during my time ever shall.

8. All the Churches w[th]in both my diocess are builded accordinge the Country fashion, or bonds taken for the building of those few that are unbuilded, except some few parishes, wherin ther is yet little or no habitation, and except the Cathedral Church of Fernes, which having been burnt by Feagh M[c] How in the time of Rebellion, is so chargeable to reedify, that the Deane and Chapter are not able to compasse that work; neither is it indeed fitt, that the Cathedral Church shold be at Fernes, being now but a poor Country Village, but either at Wexford, or at New Rosse, being both incorporat townes, very populous of themselves, especially Wexford, and of much resort by strangers. Yet there is an ile of the Cathedral Church builded, wherein devine service is duely celebrated.

9. There is in each of my dioces a free schoole, the one in the towne of Wexford for the Diocess of Fernes; the other in the towne of Mariborogh for the Diocess of Leighlin. The schoolmasters are maintened by myself and my Clergy accordinge the statute, Nether have I ever licenced any Schoolmaster to teach but such as have first entered bonds to teach none other books but such as are agreeable to the King's Injunctions: But these schooles established by authority are to small purpose if all the popish priests in this Kingdome, take that course (as in all probability they doe) w̃ch a priest called Laghlin Oge took not long since, after the celebration of his masse; for he taught the people first, that whosoever did send ther Children or pupils to be taught by a Scholemaster of our Religion, they were excommunicated ipso facto, and should certenly be damned w[th]out they did undergoe great penance for ther so doing. Next (though not apperteining to this Branch) that the infants, w̃ch were by us baptised, if they were not brought to them to be rebaptised, both the parents so doing, and the Children so baptised were damned.

10. Lastly though I have used my best endeavour according my simple skill to reform recusants, yet have I come farre short of what I ought to have done; and I must needs acknowledge myself to be an unprofitable servant. But by the Grace of God I am what I am, and by the said Grace assisting me, I will endevor myself daily more and more to root out popery and to sow the seed of true Religion in the harts of all the people committed to my charge; w[ch] though I have no hope to effect as I wold, yet, est aliquid prodire tenus cum non datur ultra.

The humble ansere of Thomas Bishop of Fernes and Leighlin, to His M[tys] Instructions and Interrogations lately sent unto the Archbishops and Bishops of this Realme.

1. Touching the first article, I have answered particularly unto each branch thereof in my former Certificate.

2. Concerning the true valew of the Benefices of each diocess aforesaid, and the names and qualities of the present Incumbents, they are (so neere as I can lerne) worth communibus annis as followeth.

The Bishopricke of Fernes.

		£.	s.	d.
Episcopatus Fernensis.	THE present Incumbent thereof is Thomas Ram, who at his first comyinge to the place found it worth by the year, one hundred m̃ks, Sterlinge penny Rent. But by his recovery of the manor of Fithard, by a longe and chargeable suit at Lawe (though ended by composition at length) it is nowe bettered p annū by - - £XL. - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	LXVI	VI	VIII St.
		£.		
		XL		Ster.

This Bishopwick hath bin worth fower or five hundred pounds by the yere, but by the many fee farmes made thereof by his predecessors, especially by Alexander Devereux and John Devereux to their kindred and bastards, at very small rents, it is reduced unto this small pittance aforesayd—This Bishopricke of Fernes and the other of Leighlin lie both together, and the dwelling houses of them both, viz. Fethard (seated in the remotest part from Leighlin of the whole dioces of Fernes) and old Leighlin, are but 27 English miles asunder.

Nomina

Nomina Benefitiorum in Diocess Fernensis.	Nomina incumbentiū in quolibet eorundem.	Verus cujuslibet eorū valor communibus annis. Tempore Pacis.	Rebel. p̄ter.
Decanatus Fernensis	The forenamed Ram Incumbent - - - - - - - - - - - [*obliterated.*] - - - - -	£ L Ster.	£ XXX Ster.
Prebenda de Rathaspecke ats Edermin	Michael Bellarby, a Batchelor of Arts and a preacher, keeping Residence and hospitality thereon, holdinge them by unyon durante vita - - - - -	£ XXV Ster.	£ XX Ster.
Vicaria ejusdem	- - - - - - - - - - - -	£. XII Ster.	£. X Ster.
Prebenda de Ffithard	Bartholomewe Stafford, a Student in Trinity Colledge nere Dublin, aged about twentie yeres - -	£ XX Ster.	£ XX Ster.
Vicaria ejusdem	Richard Allen, a readinge minister of English birth, keeping hospitality according to his meanes - -	£ XII Ster.	£ XII Ster.
Prebenda de Killegan ats Colestuffe	Henry Reigh, an ancient readinge minister of Irish birth, skillful in the English, Irish and Lattin tongues	£ XII Ster.	£ V Ster.
Rectoria de Kilkevan	The same Reigh - - - - - - - -	£ IIII Ster.	£ IIII Ster.
Vicaria de Colestuffe	Robert Dreighan, an antient Minister of Irish birth, havinge the English Irish and lattin tongues, residinge within a quarter of a mile thereof - - - - -	£ VII Ster.	£ III Ster.
Prebenda de Toome cū Capella de Talleragh	John Alcocke, a Batchelor of Arts and a preacher -	£ XX Ster.	£ VI Ster.
Rectoria de Carnugh	The same Alcocke, residing on his parsonage of Carnugh - - - - - - - - -	£ IX Ster.	£ V Ster.
Prebenda de Cloom	David Browne, an ancient Minister borne in Ireland, skilful in the English Irish and lattin tongues, residinge in Wexford where he serveth some cures - - -	£ XV Ster.	£ V Ster.
Prebenda de Kilrush	John Lacy, an ancient minister borne in Ireland, skilfull in the English, Irish and Lattin tongues, residinge thereon - - - - - - - - -	£ XV. Ster.	£ V Ster.
Rectoria de Kilcormocke	The same Lacy, holding it by dispensation out of the Office of Faculties - - - - - - -	£ XII Ster.	£ VII Ster.
P . . . . . Church	Willyam Synot [*decayed*] - - - - -	£ VI VI VIII St.	£ VI VI VIII St.
Vicaria de Kilturke et Kilmore	Robert Hudson, a Batchelor of Arts and a preacher, holdinge them by Union durante vitâ, the parishes lying together and the Churches not a mile distant the one from the other, and residinge in Kilturke - -	£ XV Ster. £ XII Ster.	£ XV Ster. £ XII Ster.
Rectoria de Malrancan	James Busher, an ancient Churchman, the tax thereof in the King's Books is far greater the true value of the livinge - - - - - - - - -	£. VII Ster.	£ VII Ster.
Vicaria ejusdem	James Furlonge, an auntient readinge Minister, residing thereon - - - - - - - -	£ XII Ster.	£ XII Ster.
Vicaria de Killagge	Walter French, an auntient readinge minister, residinge thereon - - - - - - - -	£ XX Ster.	£ XX Ster.
Vicaria de Bennoe	John Harris, an auntient M^r of Arts and a preacher, residinge in my house at Fithard, being wthin lesse then a mile thereof - - - - - - - -	£ XX Ster.	£ XX Ster.
Rectoria de Kilmannan	James Prendergest, a readinge minister, having the English Irish and lattin tongues, residinge thereon -	£ XX Ster.	£ XII Ster.
Vicaria de veteri Rosse.	The same Prendergest, holdinge it by dispensation out of the Office of faculties - - - - - -	£ X Ster.	£ IIII Ster.
Rectoria de Horetowne	Richard Hendrican, a Churchman, having the English, Irish and lattin tongues, dwelling on his owne land neere unto that parish - - - - - - -	£ XII Ster.	£ VI Ster.

		Pacis.	Rebel. Ster.
Vicaria de Clomyne	Vacaĩ - it is of so small worth that no man will passe the patent for it, and therefore the Curate enjoyeth the profit - - - - - - - - -	£ IIII Ster.	XL s Ster.
Vicaria de Hooke	Thomas Flemynge, a readinge minister of Irish birth, havinge the English, Irish and lattin tongues, residinge thereon - - - - - - - - - -	£ IX Ster.	£ IX Ster.
Rectoria de Raven	Nicholas Rochford, a readinge minister of Irish Birth, having the English and Irish tongues, residinge thereon - - - - - - - - - -	£ XII Ster.	£. III Ster.
[*defaced*]	Walter Synot, a readinge minister of Irish birth, having the English . . . . . [*defaced*]	£ VII Ster.	Nihil.

III.

The Bishopricke of Leighlin.

Episcopatus Leighlinensis. The present Incumbent thereof Thomas Ram, holdynge it by unyon with the Bishopricke of Fernes "durante vita," by vertue of His Mãties Lres patent. The annual rent thereof is £24 Ster. besides the demeasnes wch are very large, if the Bishop might enjoy his right. But in respect they are almost all mountany grounds, and much of them is witholden by the neighbours thereof, yeld very little profit. The deteyners of the demeasnes of Old Leighlin are, Sir Richard Butler of Polestone Knight, Richard Comberford of Ballerloghna Esqr. Willyam Fannynge of Ballecloghna gent, who taking advantage of Rebellion in theis parts and of the often and long vacancy of this poore Bishopricke, have deteyned (and still so doe) almost three miles of land belonginge unto it. The Incroachers of the manor of Shanecourt alʒ Woodstocke in the Queens County are, Sir Richard Greame of Ballelehan Knight, and Peirs Ovington of Amorstowne Esq. who have the one of the one side and the other of the other side so encroched uppon the sayd mannor, that whereas it consisted of eight score acres arable land in the fift yere of Edward the first as by the Exchetor then beinge, his accompte appeareth in the King's rowles, and so much hath bin in possession with the Bishop of Leighlin his tennaunt within fiftie years last past: they have left with the House but one acre of land. If I hoped that theis lands could be recovered in lawe by any reasonable charge. . . . . . [*the remainder of this sheet destroyed.*]

Thesauratus	Robert Cleere, a reading Minister borne in Irelande, havinge the English, Irish and lattin tongues - -	£ VII Ster.	£ III Ster.
Vicaria de Cymolins	The same Cleere holdinge the same with the Treasureship by unyon durante vita ob fructuum exilitatem, accordinge to the antient custom of this Diocese - - -	£ X Ster.	£ V Ster.
Vicaria de Sleguffe	The same Cleere	£ V Ster.	XI. s Ster.
Archidiaconatus	Peirs Gorse, an auntient minister borne in Ireland, skillful in the English Irish and lattin tongues, keepinge Hospitality accordinge to his meanes -	£ X Ster.	£ IIII Ster.
Vicaria de Lowrorn	The same Gorse holdinge the same by unyon durante vitâ ob fructuũ exilitatem - - - - - -	£ VI Ster.	Nihil.
Vicaria de Tullogh	The same Gorse - - - - - - -	£ V X s Ster.	Nihil.
Prebenda de Illard	David Ready, a readinge minister of Irish birth, havinge the English Irish and lattin tongues -	£ VIII Ster.	Nihil.
Vicaria de Dunleckny	The same Ready - - - - - - -	£ VI Ster.	Nihil.
Prebenda de Tulmagymah	John Parker, Batchelor of Arts and a preacher, who was lately admitted thereunto, residinge yet at Dublin - - - - - - - - -	£ XII Ster.	£ VI Ster.
Prebenda de Ahold	Richard Thompson, Batchelor of Arts and Student in Trinity Colledge neere Dublin, dispensed with all studii gratiâ - - - - - - - -	£ VII X s Ster.	Nihil.
Vicaria de Ballerony	Thomas Manly, a readinge minister of English birth, havinge the English and lattin tongues - -	£ VII Ster.	Nihil.

Vicaria de Gallen	The same Manly, holdinge it by unyon ob fructuum exilitatem - - - - - - - - - -	£ VIII Ster.	Nihil.
Vicaria de Berragh	James Waddinge, a readinge minister of English birth - - - - - - - - - -	£ VIII Ster.	Nihil.
Vicaria de Balleellin	The same Waddinge — United "durante vitâ" ob fructuū exilitatem; residing within the pish of Balleellin - - - - -	£ VIII Ster.	£ IIII Ster.
Vicaria de Kiltinnill	The same Waddinge	£ V Ster.	Nihil.
Vicaria de Rathmore	John Bradish, residing in Munster - - -	XL s Ster.	Nihil.
[*decayed*]	The same Bradish - - - - - - - - [*the rest of the sheet decayed.*]	£ IIII Ster.	Nihil.
Vicaria de Temohoe	The Bishop of Kerry holding it in Comendam -	£ XII Ster.	£ VII Ster.
Vicaria de Fontstowne	Arthur Bladesmith, an English minister, havinge some skill in the Lattin tongue, residinge thereon -	£ VII Ster.	£ III Ster.
Vicaria de Ballyaquillan	The same Bladesmith — holding all three by unyon ob locorū vicinitatem et fructuū exilitatem - -	£ III Ster.	Nihil.
Vicaria de Rahaspeke	The same Bladesmith	L s Ster.	Nihil.
Vicaria de Cloidagh	Oliver Keatinge, an antient readinge minister of Irish Birth, skilful in the English and Irish tongues, residinge thereon - - - - - - -	£ VI Ster.	Nihil.
Vicaria de Killeshin	The same Keatinge, holdinge it by unyon ob locorū vicinitatem et fructuū exilitatem - -	£ V Ster.	Nihil.
Vicaria de Nowghall	Willyam Hilton, a readinge Minister of English birth, havinge some skill in the Irish tongue, and residinge thereon - - - - - - -	£ VI Ster.	£ III Ster.
Vicaria de Monnor	The same Hilton, holdinge them by unyon ob locorū vicinitatem, et fructuū exilitatem - -	£ VI Ster.	Nihil.
Vicaria de Corclone	John Mooren, a readinge minister of Irish birth, very ready in the English and Irish tongues - -	£ IX Ster.	Nihil.
Vicaria de Killabban	The same Mooren, holdinge it by unyon and residinge thereon - - - - - - -	£ XVIII Ster.	£ VIII Ster.
Rectoria de Temogi cum Vicaria unita durante incumbentia	Walter Fullan, an antient readinge Minister of Irish birth, having the English Irish and Lattin tongues, residinge thereon - - - - - -	£ X Ster.	£ III Ster.
Rectoria seu Capella de Tullomoy	The same Fullan, holdinge it by unyon ob locorū vicinitatem, et fructuū exilitatem - - - -	XL s Ster.	Nihil.
Rectoria de Killanna	Barnabee Ashton, a readinge Minister of English Birth, residinge thereon, and teaching schoole there -	£ VI Ster.	Nihil.
Rectoria seu Capella de Kilclonebrocke	Vacat - - - - - - - - - -	£ III Ster.	Nihil.
[*decayed*]	Walter Skelton, a scholler . . . dispensed with all ratione studii - - - - - - - - [*The remainder of the sheet decayed.*]	£ VI Ster.	Nihil.
Vicaria de Shankill	Tege O'Curren, a readinge minister of Irish birth, havinge the English, Irish and lattin tongues - -	£ VII Ster.	£ III Ster.
Vicaria de Caterlogh	Peirs White, a readinge minister of Irish birth, havinge the English Irish and Lattin tongues, residinge on some livinge in Munster by dispensation out of the office of faculties - - - - - -	£ VII Ster.	£ VII Ster.
Vicaria de Kellestowne	Henry Welsh, a readinge minister of Irish birth, havinge the English, Irish and Lattin tongues, resident in the Dioces of Dublin by Dispensation out of the office of faculties - - - - - - -	£ IX Ster.	£ VI Ster.

Vicaria de Clonekine	Thomas Smyth, Mr of Arts and a preacher, residinge within half a mile of the same - - -	£ IX Ster.	£ V Ster.
Vicaria de Clonekine	Derby O Horraghan, an old reading minister of Irish birth, havinge the English Irish and Lattin tongues - - - - - - - - - -	£ VII Ster.	Nihil.
Vicaria de Clonenah	The same Horraghan, holdinge them both by Unyon ob locorũ vicinitatem et fructuũ exilitatem, residinge thereon - - - - - - - - - -	£ VIII Ster.	Nihil.
Vicaria de Burroes	David Goode, an auntient readinge minister of English birth, skilful in the Irish tongue - -	£ VIII Ster.	£ IIII Ster.
	The same Goode holding them by unyon ob locorũ vicinitatem, et fructuũ exilitatem - - -	£ IX Ster.	£ IIII Ster.
[*decayed*]			
Prebenda de Crospatricke	Robert Ram, a Batchelor of Arts, a Student at Trinity Colledge neere Dublin - - - - -	£ V Ster.	Nihil.
Vicaria de Kilcowan	Patrick Kelly, an auntient Churchman of Irish birth, skilfull in the English and Irish tongues, residing thereon - - - - - - - - - -	£ X Ster.	£ X Ster.
Vicaria de Ramacknee	The same Kelly, holdinge it by dispensation out of the Office of faculties - - - - - - -	£ XV Ster.	£ XV Ster.
Vicaria de Maglors	James Stafford, an auntient readinge Minister, residinge on the same, and havinge the English and Lattin tongues - - - - - - - - -	£ IX Ster.	£ IX Ster.
Rectoria de Kilskowran	Adam Hay, as yet but Deacon, residinge thereon -	£ XX Ster.	£ XX Ster.
Rectoria de Roslare cũ Capella de Ballemoore	Thomas Gallamore, a Mr of Arts and a preacher, residinge thereon and keeping good hospitality -	£ XXX Ster.	£ XXX Ster.
Rectoria de Shanboe	The same Gallamore, holding by Dispensation out of the office of faculties - - - - - -	£ XX Ster.	£ V Ster.
Vicaria de Roslare	Richard Reigh, an auntient Churchman, keepinge residence and hospitality - - - - - -	£ XV Ster.	£ XV Ster.
[*decayed*]			
Vicaria de Millenoch	Murtogh Mackaparsons, a readinge minister of Irish Birth, havinge the English, Irish and lattin tongues -	£ VII Ster.	£ V Ster.
Rectoria de Kiltennill	James Lee, a Mr of Arts and a preacher, lately admitted thereunto, and to reside thereon very shortly - - - - - - - - - -	£ XII Ster.	£ V Ster.
Rectoria de Kilcoman	Vacat—it was leased long since with a reservation only of - - - - - - - - - -	XX s Ster.	XX s Ster.
Rectoria de Ambrosetowne	Willyam Underwood, a scholler of XVI years of age or thereabouts, dispensed with all gratiâ studii -	£ V Ster.	£ III Ster.
Rectoria de Kilgarvan	John Batison, a scholler aged XVII years or thereabouts, dispensed with all gratiâ studii - - -	£ V Ster.	Nihil.
[*decayed*]			

3. At my first preferment unto these Bishopricks, and finding such want of Clergymen within both my Dioces especially of Leighlin, that some of the parishioners being by me blamed for carryeing their Children to popish priests to be christened, answered (thoug rather for Excuse, as I found afterwards in that they reformed not themselves, then for conscience sake) that they were compelled so to doe, in regard they had no Curate of our Religion neere unto them; in imitation of the Reverend Bishops living in the beginning of the raigne of our late Queene of happy memory, I entreated 3 or 4 men of English birth of staid carriage and good report, being well able to give an account of their faith in the English tong, and to instruct the people by reading, to enter orders of the Church, and provided for them first Cures amongst the English parishes, afterward small Vicarages which they enjoy at this time, and reside upon them. And Whereas 2 or 3 of the natives of this country beinge well able to speak and read Irish unto ther Countrymen, sought unto me for Holy

Holy orders, I thought likewise fitt in the great scarsity of men of that quality to admit them thereunto (being likewise of honest life and well reported of amongst ther neighbours) and to provide them some small competency of living in the Irish parts; ffurthermore being desirous, serere alteri seculo, by providing a lerned Ministry wch shal be able to preach unto the people heereafter, I have also accordinge the auntient custome of my dioces dispensed with 3 or 4 youths of XV or XVI years of age, to hold each of them a Church living under £ X in true value, studii gratiâ, having taken order with the churchmen adjoining to discharge the cures of the same, and havinge had a watchful ey over these young men that they did and doe bonâ fide follow . . . . . [*rest of sheet mutilated.*] . . . . . may be dealt withall to authorize one or two of the Bishops choise and nomination for the executing of the writs de excommunicato capiendo. Next that none be suffered to be gaolers or inferiour Officers unto them, but sush as resort unto our Church . . . without the former the excommunicats for matter of Religion will hardly be attached; without the latter they being attached and committed will be encouraged to continew in ther obstinacy.

Secondly ther being divers Impropriations within each of my dioces which have no Vicars endowed, whose possessioners are bound by their leases or feefarmes to find sufficient Curates; mine earnest request is that a competent stipend may be raised out of every able Impropriation whereby the Curate thereof may be mayntened: And that 2 or 3 of the Impropriations of small valew may be united amongst themselves, if they be together; and a competency raised out of them all so united for an Incumbent, but if they be asunder that then they may be united to the next psonage or vicarage adjoyning and contribute toward the bettering thereof: provided alwaies, that in wh^ch^soever of the united Churches Divine service is celebrated, thither all the parishioners of the Churches united be compelled every Sabaoth and holy day to repair in ther course and turne. Now the competency which I conceave wil be fittest for the Improprietaries to yeld, and for the Curats to receave, is the small tithes of every such parish.

THO. FERNESS & LEIGHLIN.

(2.) *Metropolitan Court of Armagh.*

185. REGISTER.

To the Right Honourable the Board of Commissioners on the Public Records in Ireland.

ANSWERS to the several QUERIES sent by the said Commissioners to the DEPUTY REGISTER of the lower part of the Diocese of Armagh.

(1.)—THE several sorts of Public Records contained in the Office, duly dated and indorsed, are—Wills; original Processes, and Pleadings in the several Causes commenced in Court; Registries of Administrations; Marriage and other Licenses; Inventories; Renunciations; Administration Bonds; Collations and Presentations of the Clergy to their respective Benefices; Nomination of Curates, Parish Clerks and Schoolmasters; Rolls of Oaths, &c. The only Manuscript Books, are those wherein such Registries are made; also Visitation Books, and Rule Books. All the original Wills, from the year 1687, are in a good state of Preservation, in an alphabetical and numerical Catalogue made out by the present Deputy.

(2.)—Said Records, &c. are lodged or kept in a Public Office, built for that purpose by the late Primate Robinson, and in all respects convenient and well secured.

(3.)—Said Records, &c. are in a good state of Preservation; and are distinctly arranged, some in alphabetical order, others according to the years they were exhibited in the Court or Office.

(4.)—There are not any Catalogues, Schedules, or Indexes, except as above mentioned, Probates, Administrations, and Licences, being entered according to their several Dates; neither are the original Wills copied into Books. Copies and Catalogues, or Indexes, of such original Records as are in the Office, would doubtless be of great utility, particularly if the Wills were copied into proper Books, as they would thereby be better preserved, and less liable to decay than the Originals. As to the time it would take to complete such Catalogues, Calendars, Schedules, Indexes, Copies of Wills, &c. it might probably be effected, by two Clerks, in the course of two, three, or four years; but a positive answer cannot be given thereto. At present there are not any Clerks employed for that purpose, the business of the Office being altogether done by the Deputy. The Catalogues, Indexes, &c. so wanting, the Deputy cannot say where they do or ever did exist, further than already stated.

(5.)—There are no other Officers or Clerks employed for the custody and arrangement of the Records here, except the said Deputy, whose duty it is to attend to the registering, transacting, and arranging such matters as occur in his official capacity. To supply omissions, and make good deficiencies, could not be effected without considerable assistance. The Fee demandable for each Search is 2*s.* 6*d*; for Certificate under Seal, 13*s.* 4*d.*, without Seal, 3*s.* 4*d.* I have never any stated hours of attendance in said Office, the Office being open for transacting business at all reasonable hours.

(6.)—There

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Ecclesiastical Courts: Metropolitan Court of Armagh.

185. Register.

(6.)—There is no other Person intrusted with any part of the business transacted in said Office, but the said Deputy; nor is there any other regulation observed, but those already mentioned.

(7.)—There are not any Matters (except those above stated) occurring to said Deputy, that would render the use of the said Records more convenient to the Public.

To additional Quere.—There are Forty Parishes in said part of said Diocese, in which are no Unions. Cannot say that Registries have been regularly kept of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, in said Parishes. Some Returns of Registries have been made at the Annual Visitation, but not generally; nor does it appear that such Returns have been made for eight or nine years past: When such are received, they are arranged and preserved in same manner and form as any other Records. Cannot assign any reason why said Returns are not regularly made.

Hugh Mc Master,
Deputy Register Lower Part of the Diocese of Armagh.

(3.) *Consistorial Court of Dublin.*

186. REGISTER.

The ANSWERS of Thomas Clarke, DEPUTY REGISTER of the Dioceses of Dublin and Glandelagh, to the QUERIES from the Right Honourable the Commissioners on Public Records in Ireland.

186. Register, Consist^{l} Ct, Dublin.

(1.)—THE several sorts of Public Records, Rolls, Instruments, and Manuscript Books and Papers in my custody, as Keeper of said Records, are—Original Wills, beginning in the year 1502:—Administration and Marriage Licence Bonds, beginning 1703:—Sequestration Bonds, beginning 1742:—Original Citations, Monitions, and other Processes, Pleadings, Exhibits, Interrogatories, Depositions, Sentences, and other Papers, in Causes expedited in the Consistorial and Metropolitical Court of Dublin, whether by Appeal from inferior Jurisdictions within the Province, or originally instituted in said Court; with the Rule Books, containing the Acts of Court sped in each Cause every Court day during their dependence, from about the year 1708:—Inventories, beginning 1603:—A Book, wherein is entered Marriage Licences, from 1638 to 1647; Unions of Benefices, 1638 to 1640; Institutions and Collations to Livings, 1638 to 1648; Letters of Ordination of Clergymen, 1638 to 1644:—Books containing Probate and Administration Acts, from 1638 to 1710; Transcripts of Wills, from 1652 to 1715; Marriage Licences Acts, from 1661 to 1746. There appear, in the series of these Books, the following Chasms:—In the Transcripts of Wills, a chasm of about six years, between 1654 and 1661, and about four years between 1708 and 1712:—In the Licence Act Books, about sixteen years, between 1697 and 1713, and five years, between 1741 and 1746. In 1715, a set of Books was begun for the Transcripts of Wills only: from 1779 they are regular to the present day; but there is a chasm for a period of about six years, between 1720 and 1727, and forty-nine years, between 1730 and 1779. In 1710, a set of Books was begun for the Probate and Administration Acts only, which are regular down to the present day. In 1746, the Marriage Licence Acts were begun to be entered in the Probate and Administration Act Books: they are regular down to the present day. These chasms in the Transcripts of Wills are not attended with any inconvenience to the Public, as the Originals can be easily referred to; but it would be very desirable to have them completed, for the better preservation of the Originals. I know not any instance in which the Chasms in the Licence Acts have been attended with any inconvenience to the Public: the causes of these chasms are not known.—A set of Books, in a regular series, called Title Books, wherein are entered all Patents, Presentations, Institutions and Collations to Benefices; Nominations and Licences to Curacies; Nominations and Licences to Parish Clerks, Schoolmasters, and others; Unions of Benefices; Faculties for Pews in Churches; Commissions and Appointments of Vicars General, Registers, Surrogates, and other such matters; Deeds of Endowment, and other Deeds and Leases (the See Leases excepted), relating to these Dioceses; Commissions, Proceedings, and Certificates, respecting Glebes, Glebe Houses, and Dilapidations; Proceedings upon the Consecration of Bishops and of Churches; Sequestration of Benefices, and Relaxations, Letters Demissory, and other matters relating to the Clergy of the Archbishop's Dioceses, and the Bishops and Clergy within his Grace's Province, from the year 1684 to the present time; together with some of the original Presentations and other original Documents entered in said Books.—A set of Books, in a regular series, in which are entered the Letters of Ordination of the Clergymen ordained by the Archbishops of Dublin, and other Bishops in Dublin, in cases where the Archbishops' Registers have attended the Ordination as Actuaries, beginning in 1722.—Caveat Books, from 1707 to the present time, regular.—Books and Papers relating to the Annual and Triennial Visitations of the Archbishops of Dublin, from the year 1639. There appear some few chasms in this series of Visitation Books, of very old date.—Parchment Rolls, containing the Canons, Declarations, and Oaths and Subscriptions of the Clergy, on Ordinations, Institutions, and Collations to Benefices; and Licences to Curacies, and of Parish Clerks, Schoolmasters, and others, beginning in the year 1700. There appears a chasm in the series of these Rolls, of about six years, between 1700 and 1707, and of four years, between 1740 and 1745, and three years, between 1755 and 1759; from which period they are regular: the causes of these chasms not known.—

Certificates

Certificates of Conformity of Papists, beginning in 1707.—A Book, which contains Copies of the See Leases of the Archbishoprick of Dublin, from 1717 to 1725:—Counterparts of the See Leases of the Archbishoprick of Dublin, from the year 1726 to the present time.—Original Maps and Terriers of Glebe Lands and Houses; and Plans and Estimates of Glebe Houses belonging to Livings in the Dioceses of Dublin and Glandelagh.—Copies of Registers of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, given in by the Clergy at each Annual Visitation since the year 1720.

(2.)—Said Records are kept in a House situate in South King-street, Dublin, the private property of the Deputy Register, wherein he resides, and wherein his Predecessors have resided and kept said Records for about 40 years past, and is as secure as private Houses usually are, and in a central situation. There are two apartments appropriated to the keeping of the Records: those of old date, and of a description seldom referred to, are kept in a back Office or apartment; all the original Wills, the Probate, Administration, and Marriage Licence Act Books, the Title Books relating to the Clergy, Cause Papers of a recent date, and other matters likely to be frequently resorted to, are, for the better accommodation of the public, kept in a front Office, where the daily business of the Office is transacted. From the increase of Records, those apartments are becoming too confined, and in a few years, additional or more spacious apartments must be appropriated to the keeping of the Records.

(3.)—The said Records are in a good state of Preservation; and are all labelled, and arranged in Alphabetical and such other order as to be referred to with facility.

(4.)—There are Indexes to all said Books, except a few of the old Visitation and Rule Books, and to which, Indexes are not, as I conceive, necessary, nor would any utility result from completing them. Exclusive of the Indexes to the Probate and Administration Act Books and Will Books, and which immediately refer to the Wills, there is a general Index to all the Wills, completed by the present Deputy Register, for the purpose of more expeditious searching. I do not conceive that any additional Indexes are necessary, or that any degree of utility could arise to the Public, by varying the present mode of keeping said Records.

(5.)—The Deputy Register has exclusively the custody and arrangement of the Records. He finds his own Clerks, who receive no Salary or Emolument from the Public, in respect to the custody or arrangement of said Records. Attendance is given by the said Deputy Register and his Clerks, for the public business, every day (a very few Holydays excepted) from ten to four. The Fees demandable for Searches, Certificates and Copies, &c. in this Office, are as follow:—For every Search, 2*s.* 8½*d.*:—For Certificate or Copy, 9*d.* per office sheet, exclusive of Stamp Duty:—And for attendance per day with any Record, in Dublin, 11*s.* 4½*d.*:—The Net Annual Amount of which for the last three years, is about 74*l.* 1*s.* 3¼*d.*—Copies of Depositions or Pleadings during the progress of Causes in the Court, are not included in the above.

(6.)—The Deputy Register has the care of the said Records; he or his Clerks attend upon every Search. When it becomes necessary to refer to an original Will or other original Record, the Deputy Register himself, or his confidential Clerk, resorts to it, and restores it to its proper place.

(7.)—I do not know of any Matters, not comprised in the Questions sent to me, that are necessary or expedient to observe, for rendering the use of the said Records more convenient to the Public, save that a Repository secured from fire would, as it is humbly conceived, be very expedient, as it would preserve the said Records from accident, and thereby be of public utility.

To the Additional Quere.—The number of Parishes of every description or denomination in the Diocese of Dublin and Glandelagh, and the number of them which are united episcopally or otherwise, how their members are distinguished, and by what names they are so united, appears by the annexed List.—Copies of Registries of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, are given in by the Clergy at each Annual Visitation, to the Deputy Register; they are tied up in bundles, each bundle marked with a label to denote the period of time to which it relates. Of late years they are alphabetically arranged, and those of each year tied up in two bundles, one bundle containing those returned by the City Clergy, the other by the Country Clergy, and labelled accordingly. Prior to 1774 they are very defective, but since that period they appear to be regular. As it is highly material to the Public, that these Copies of Registries should be preserved with care, and as in time they will become very voluminous, I humbly conceive it would be of advantage, if certain Books were set apart in the Office, for the purpose of making entries of these Records for their better preservation, and to have the same properly alphabeted, for the more easy reference thereto; the keeping of such Books would however be attended with considerable labour and expense. Whether Registries have been regularly kept in the different Parishes in these Dioceses, or not, I cannot answer.

Thomas Clark,
D. Register.

January 29th, 1811.

A LIST of PARISHES and UNIONS in the Dioceses of *Dublin* and *Glandelagh*, to which the Answer to the additional Quere refers.

Number of Parishes.	Number of Unions.		
1.	- -	St. Audeon, Dublin; a Curacy; with Prebend in St. Patrick's Cathedral annexed.	
2.	- -	St. Michael, Dublin; a Curacy; with Prebend in Christ Church annexed.	
3.	- -	St. Michan, Dublin; a Rectory entire; with Prebend in Christ Church annexed.	
4.	- -	St. Mary, Dublin; a Rectory entire.	
5.	- -	St. Thomas, Dublin; a Rectory entire.	
6.	- -	Chapel of St. George, Dublin.	
7.	- -	St. George, Dublin; a Rectory entire.	
8.	- -	St. Paul, Dublin; a Rectory entire.	
9.	- -	St. John, Dublin; a Curacy; with Prebend in Christ Church annexed.	
10.	- -	St. Nicholas within the Walls, Dublin; a Curacy.	
11.	- -	St. Werburgh, Dublin; a Curacy; belongs to the Chancellorship of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin.	
12.	- -	St. Andrew, Dublin; a Vicarage.	
13.	- -	St. Mark, Dublin; a Vicarage.	
14.	- -	St. Nicholas without the Walls, Dublin; a Curacy.	
15.	- -	St. Peter, Dublin; a Vicarage.	
16.	- -	St. Kevin, Dublin; a Curacy.	
17.	- -	Donnybrooke; a Curacy.	
18.	- -	St. Luke, Dublin; a Curacy.	
19.	- -	St. Bridget, Dublin; a Curacy.	
20.	- -	St. Ann, Dublin; a Vicarage.	
21.	- -	St. Catherine, Dublin; a Vicarage.	
22.	- -	St. James, Dublin; a Vicarage.	
23.	- -	Portmarnock; a Curacy.	
24.	- -	Garristown; a Vicarage.	
25.	- -	Cloghran, Swords; a Rectory entire.	
26.	1.	Donaghbate; a Vicarage - - - - -	Episcopally united.
27.	- -	Portrahon; a Curacy - - - - - -	
28.	- -	St. Doolocks; a Curacy.	
29.	- -	Kilsallaghan; a Vicarage; to which Midway belongs.	
30.	- -	Santry; a Vicarage.	
31.	2.	Howth; a Curacy; with Prebend in St. Patrick's Cathedral annexed - - - - - -	United time immemorial.
32.	- -	Kilbarrick; a Curacy - - - - - -	
33.	- -	Baldoyle; a Curacy - - - - - -	
34.	- -	Swords; a Vicarage - - - - - -	Episcopally united.
35.	- -	Malahide; a Curacy - - - - - -	
36.	3.	Killough, otherwise Kelleck; a Curacy - - -	
37.	- -	Killossory - - - - - - - D° - - -	
38.	- -	Clonmethon; a Curacy; with Prebend in St. Patrick's Cathedral annexed - - - - - -	Perpetually united by Act of Council.
39.	- -	Palmerstown; a Curacy - - - - - -	
40.	- -	Greenock - - D° - - - - - -	
41.	4.	Wespalstown - D° - - - - - -	
42.	- -	Bally M'Dunn - D° - - - - - -	
43.	- -	Ballyboghill - D° - - - - - -	
44.	- -	Hollywood; a Vicarage - - - - - -	Episcopally united.
45.	5.	Naul - - - D° - - - - - -	
		Grallagh - - D° - - - - - -	
		Lusk; a Vicarage on each side; with the Chapel of Kilrush and Kilmore.	
		Balrothery; a Vicarage.	
		Baldungan; a Rectory.	
		Balscadden; a Vicarage.	
		Holmpatrick; an Impropriate Cure.	
		Castleknock; a Vicarage; with Prebend in St. Patrick's Cathedral annexed - - - - - -	Perpetually united.
	6.	Clonsillagh; a Curacy - - - - - -	
		Mullahidart; a Curacy united for this turn to Castleknock.	
		Chapelizod; a Rectory and Vicarage - - -	
	7.	Palmerstown; a Curacy - - - - - -	Perpetually united.
		Ballyfermott - D° - - - - - -	

—	Number of Unions.		—
		Glassnevin; a Curacy.	
		Coolock; a Vicarage.	
		Raheny; a Rectory entire.	
		Finglass; a Vicarage.	
		Cloghranhidart, otherwise Ballycoolane; a Curacy.	
		Clontarf; a Rectory entire.	
		Drumcondra, otherwise Clonturk; a Curacy.	
		Corps of the Archdeaconry of Glandelagh.	
		Newcastle, near Lyons; a Vicarage.	
		Clondalkin; a Vicarage; to which Kilmackrudery belongs.	
		Rathcoole; a Vicarage.	
		Tassagard; a Curacy.	
		Kilgobbin; a perpetual Curacy - - - -	Perpetually united to St. Peters.
	8.	Rathfarnham; a Curacy - - - - - -	
		Tawney; a Curacy - - - - - -	Vide N° 15.
		Tallaght; a Vicarage - - - - - -	
	9.	White Church; a Curacy - - - - -	Perpetually united by Act of Council.
		Cruagh, otherwise Crevagh; a Rectory - - -	
		Crumlin; a Curacy.	
		Kilmacud; a Curacy.	
		Stacklorgan, otherwise Stillorgan; a Curacy.	
		Leixlip; a Vicarage - - - - - -	
	10.	Confoy; a Curacy - - - - - - -	
		Stacumnie - D° - - - - - - -	
		Esker; a Vicarage - - - - - -	Perpetually united by Act of Council.
		Lucan - D° - - - - - - -	
		Alderg - a Curacy - - - - - -	
		Westmorestown D° - - - - - -	
		St. Catherines - D° - - - - -	
		Kildrought, otherwise Celbridge; a Vicarage - -	
	11.	Straffan; a Vicarage - - - - -	
		Bally M'Kil; a Curacy - - - - -	Episcopally united.
		Donacomper - D° - - - - - -	
		Killadoon - D° - - - - - -	
		Larabryan, otherwise Laraghbryan, otherwise Maynooth; a Vicarage.	
		Taghadoe; a Vicarage.	
		Bray; a Rectory and Vicarage - - - -	
	12.	Connaught; a Vicarage - - - - - -	Episcopally united.
		Kilternan - D° - - - - - -	
	13.	Delgany; a Rectory and Vicarage - - - -	
		Kilcoole; a Vicarage - - - - - -	Perpetually united.
		Kilmackenouge D° - - - - - -	
		Newcastle; a Rectory.	
	14.	Monckstown - - - a Curacy - - - -	
		Kill - - - - - - - - D° - - - -	
		Dalkey - - - - - - - D° - - - -	Perpetually united by Act of Council.
		Killeeny, otherwise Killeen, D° - - - -	
		Bullock - - - - - - - D° - - - -	
		Carrickbrennan - - - - D° - - - -	
		Newcastle; a Vicarage.	
		Stagonil, otherwise Powerscourt; a Vicarage; with Prebend in St. Patrick's Cathedral annexed.	
	15.	Wicklow; a Vicarage; with Prebend in St. Patrick's Cathedral annexed - - - - - -	Episcopally united.
		Drumkey; a Rectory and Vicarage - - - -	
		Kelpole; a Vicarage - - - - - -	
		Ennisbokeen, otherwise Dunganstown; a Rectory.	
		Rathdrum; a Rectory and Vicarage.	
	16.	Derralossory, otherwise Derhassin; a Curacy - -	United time immemorial.
		Glandelagh, a Curacy - - - - - -	
	17.	Castle M'Adam; a Rectory - - - - -	
		Ballydonnell; a Vicarage - - - - -	Perpetually united.
		Kilmacow - - D° - - - - - -	
	18.	Arklow; a Rectory and Vicarage - - - -	
		Enorelly; a Vicarage - - - - -	Episcopally united.
		Temple Michael; a Curacy - - - - -	

	Number of Unions.		
	18: (*continued.*)	Kilbride; - a Curacy - - - - -	Episcopally united.
		Killahurler - - D° - - - - - -	
		Kilmain - - D° - - - - - -	
		Ballintemple; a Rectory entire.	
	19.	Inch; a Rectory and Vicarage - - - -	Perpetually united by Act of Council.
		Kilgorman; a Vicarage - - - - -	
		Hollywood; a Rectory and Vicarage - - -	Episcopally united.
	20.	Ballymore; a Vicarage - - - - -	
		Ballybought - D° - - - - - -	
		Yagoe - - D° - - - - - -	
		Cotlandstown; a Curacy - - - - -	
	21.	Donard; a Vicarage - - - - - -	Episcopally united.
		Carehelp; a Curacy - - - - - -	
	22.	Rathmore - - a Vicarage - - - -	Episcopally united.
		Kilkeel, otherwise Kilteel D° - - - -	
		Burgage, otherwise Blessington; a Vicarage - -	
		Boystown; a Vicarage - - - - -	
	23.	Dunlavin; a Vicarage; with Prebend in St. Patrick's Cathedral annexed - - - - - -	Episcopally united.
		Usk; a Rectory and Vicarage - - - -	
		Gilltown; a Curacy - - - - - -	
		Tubber - D° - - - - - - -	
		Rathsallagh D° - - - - - - -	
		Friendstown D° - - - - - - -	
		Kilcullen; a Curacy.	
		Davidstown; a Vicarage.	
		Donoughmore; a Vicarage; with Prebend in St. Patrick's Cathedral annexed.	
		Kilberry; a Vicarage.	
		Kinneagh; a Vicarage.	
		Narraghmore; a Rectory and Vicarage - - -	Perpetually united by Act of Council.
	24.	St. Nicholas, otherwise Nicholstown; a Vicarage -	
		Tankardstown; a Rectory and Vicarage - - -	
		Impropriate Parishes of Ardree, Ribbon, otherwise Churchstown, St. Michael, Athy, and Dunbrea, with the Chapel of Dunlost - - - - -	
		Fonstown; a Rectory and Vicarage.	
	25.	Timolin; a Vicarage - - - - - -	United time immemorial.
		Belan - - D° - - - - - - -	
		Moon - - D° - - - - - - -	
		Rathtoole - D° - - - - - - -	
		Bolton - a Curacy - - - - - -	
		Newtown - D° - - - - - - -	
		Simonstown - D° - - - - - - -	
		Commonstown D° - - - - - - -	
		Collin - - D° - - - - - - -	
		Hughestown D° - - - - - - -	
		Colerake - D° - - - - - - -	
	26.	Castledermott, otherwise Tristledermott - a Vicarage	Episcopally united.
		Graney - - - - - - - - - - - - D° -	
		Ballaghmoone - - - - - - - - - - D° -	
		Monmohanack - - - - - - - - - - D° -	
		Grangerosnolian, otherwise Grangemonaghorum - D° -	
		Kilkea - - - - - - - - - - - - D° -	
		Kilmacktalway; a Prebend.	
		Yagoe - - - - D°.	
		Timothan - - - D°.	
		Mullahidart - - D°.	
		Tipper - - - - D°.	
		Tassagard - - - D°.	
		Maynooth - - - D°.	
		Rathmichael - - D°.	
		Monmohemock - D°.	
		Tipperkevin - - D°.	
		Swords - - - - D°.	

(4.) *Consistorial Court of Cashel.*

187. REGISTER.

RETURN, by the REGISTER of the Diocese of Cashel, to QUERIES directed by the Commissioners on Public Records in Ireland.

187. Register.

(1.)—IN the Registry Office of the Diocese of Cashel, are lodged original Wills; all Papers relating to the building of See Houses by the Bishops in the Province, and of Glebe Houses built by the Clergy of the Diocese; all Papers relative to the Proceedings had in the Consistorial Court; Counterparts of Leases made by the Archbishop of Cashel and Incumbents in the Diocese, and the Vicars Choral of the Cathedral of Cashel; Marriage License Bonds, and Administration Bonds.

(2.)—The said Records are safely kept in an Office in the Deputy Register's House, which is private property.

(3.)—Said Records are kept in a good state of Preservation, and regularly sorted; except very old Papers relative to the Proceedings in the Diocesan Court, which are not of much consequence, and are kept separately.

(4.)—There is a Catalogue of the Papers in the Office, and an Index to each Registry Book. The completing of them would not be attended with much trouble.

(5.)—No Person is employed in the Registry Office but the Register; the entire business of the Office is transacted by him. The cost of making a Search, or for the Copy of any Record, is regulated according to the Table of Fees laid down in the Consistory Office, Dublin. The net annual Amount of such Searches or Copies is not 10*l.*

(6.)—Answered by the Return made to the 5th Quere.

(7.)—Has nothing to observe.

To additional Quere.—Registries are kept of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials. Copies of such Registries are transmitted at every Annual Visitation held in the Diocese. A Return of the number of Parishes of every denomination, whether episcopally united or otherwise, has already been made to Parliament by the Archbishop of the Diocese.

John Hickey,
Deputy Register.

(5.) *Consistorial Court of Tuam.*

188. REGISTER.

The ANSWERS of Charles Davis, DEPUTY REGISTER of the Consistorial and Metropolitical Court of the Diocese of Tuam, in obedience to certain QUERIES, directed by the Right Honourable the Commissioners on the Public Records in that part of His Majesty's United Kingdom called Ireland.

188. Register, Diocese of Tuam.

(1.)—IN answer to the first of said Queries:—The Records in my custody, as Keeper of the Records of the Consistorial and Metropolitical Court of the Diocese of Tuam, consist of Last Wills and Testaments, from the year 1641 to the present time; Certificates of Probates being granted of Last Wills and Testaments, and Administrations, with the Wills annexed; and Administrations of the Goods and Chattels of Persons dying intestate; and Administration Bonds, from the year 1696 until the present time (as far as I am able to ascertain:)—Deeds of Grants, Presentations, Collations, Institutions, Inductions, and Admissions to Benefices, from the year 1662 to the present time:—Commissions for valuing Glebe Improvements, for ascertaining Dilapidations, and for Proceedings had thereon, from the year 1670 to the present time:—Unions, Divisions, and erecting of Parishes, from the year 1667 to the present time:—Deeds or Grants of Glebe Lands, from the year 1730 to the present time; Maps of Glebe Lands, and Terriers of Parishes (being five in number) from the year 1730 to the present time:—Consistorial Court Proceedings, from 1730 (as far as I am able to ascertain) to the present time:—Bishops' Leases of See Lands, from 1740 until the present time:—There are two Parchment Rolls, containing the Oaths of Allegiance, Supremacy, &c. &c. as by law required to be administered, from 1775 to the present time. The Manuscript Books are all of paper; the most of them are bound; some of them in Latin, and scarce intelligible, from the antiquity of the writing. The Wills, from 1660 to the year 1745, appear to have been registered in the Office Books; but there appears to be a chasm or deficiency in the series of the Registry of the Wills from 1745 to the year 1787, since which period to the present time the Wills appear to have been regularly entered and alphabeted, as in former Entries. I also find a chasm or deficiency in the series of the Registry of the Probates of Wills, of Administrations with Wills annexed, and of simple Administrations granted to Persons who died intestate (so far as I am able to ascertain)

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ascertain) from the year 1715 to the year 1792, since which to the present time, I find entries of them severally, but cannot account how such chasms or deficiencies happened; which, however, I consider to be a public loss, and that it would take two years at least, by a Person capable and understanding the business of a Registry Office, to make good such defects. There is also a deficiency in the lodgments in said Office of Bishops' Leases of See Lands at different periods, since the year 1740 until the present Archbishop's translation in 1794; since which period, I conceive such Leases have been duly registered; but I am not able to state the cause of such defect, which cannot, in my opinion, be now remedied.

(2.)—The Records are lodged in an Office in my Dwelling-house, in the town of Tuam, well secured in Presses; the Building is private property, but not secured from fire.

(3.)—The Records are in a good state of Preservation, save what may be occasioned by age. The Wills are kept in alphabetical order in a Press; the other Records and Papers belonging to the Diocese, are all kept in order, in Presses for that purpose. The other Papers and Records are kept on Files, as near as can be according to the different sorts.

(4.)—There are no general Catalogues, Calendars, or Repertories, or particular Indexes, to each sort. The principal Office Books have, for the most part, Alphabets; such Books as have not, are seldom resorted to, but am not able to state the time within which the same might be completed; but with the assistance of an additional Clerk to the ordinary diligence of the Persons employed in the Office, I think the same, with the other chasms or deficiencies herein-before mentioned, might be completed in two years or thereabouts.

(5.)—There are no Officers or Clerks employed for the custody and arrangement of the Records in my Office; I do that duty myself, and I attend all days and hours. I have one Clerk, for the purpose of engrossing, &c.; but he has no annual Salary, Allowance, or Emolument, paid to him by the Public. The Fees demandable for each Search are 2*s.* 6*d.*; for the Copy of some Records, 3*s.* 4*d.*; some Records, 6*s.* 8*d.*; and if long, according to the length, by computation of sheets: For attendances with some Records, in Town, 6*s.* 8*d.*; and for other attendances, according to the time and nature of the attendances, and distance from the Office, and length of attendances; but such attendances are very seldom required. And the net annual Amount of Searches, Copies, and Attendances, for the last three years, averages at about 8 *l.*

(6.)—There is no Person intrusted with the care of the Records, but myself, except when the Register attends or has occasion to have recourse to them; and I attend on every Search, and take care to restore every Record to its proper place.

(7.)—I know of no Matters, not comprised in the preceding Questions, which are necessary or expedient to observe, for rendering the use of the said Records more convenient to the Public.

Answers to the additional Quere.—The number of Parishes within the Diocese of Tuam, of every description, are as follow; that is to say—No. 1. The Rectories and Vicarages of Kilmainmore, Kilmainbegs, Moorgaga, Kilmalara, Ballenehalla, and Ross; all episcopally united.—2. The Rectories and Vicarages of Taghbreen, and Robun, with the Particle Aney; united by Act of Parliament in the year 1703.—3. The Rectories and Vicarages of Cong, a single Parish.—4. The Vicarage of Balla, and Rectory and Vicarage of Roslea and Minola; episcopally united.—5. The Rectories and Vicarages of Ballinrobe and Kilvine; episcopally united.—6. The Rectories and Vicarages of Crossboyne, Kilcolenan and Mayo; episcopally united.—7. The Vicarages of Tuam Belclare, Tuam Kilbennan, Kilconlan, Lesskeevey, and Adregoole; united by Act of Council.—8. The Rectories and Vicarages of Moylough, Ballinakilly, Agheare, Kilmacrian, and Kilmoylan; episcopally united.—9. The Rectories and Vicarages of Killereran and Knockmoy, united by Act of Council.—10. The Vicarages of Killascobe, Laccogh, and Annaghdown; episcopally united.—11. The Rectory and Vicarage of Dunmore, a single Parish.—12. The Rectory and Vicarage of Kilkerin, and the Vicarages of Boyanoraghe and Clonbern; episcopally united.—13. The Rectories and Vicarages of Kilbella, Aghavower, Annagh, Bekan, Knock otherwise Knockdrum, Calry and Templetogher; united by Act of Parliament in the year 1711.—14. The Vicarages of Aghavoll, Aghagower, Kilmaclasser, Kilgavower, and Morrisk; united by Act of Council.—15. The Rectories and Vicarages of Burriscarra, Ballyorie, and Ballyhane; episcopally united.—16. The Rectories and Vicarages of Burrishowl, Kilmina, and Aghill; episcopally united.—17. The Rectories and Vicarages of Aglish otherwise Castlebar, Breaghive, Turlough, and Kildecamoge, with the Rectory of Drumreney, and Vicarage of Islanedin; united by Act of Parliament in 1711.—18. The Rectory and Vicarage of Moore, and the Vicarage of Drum; episcopally united.—19. The Rectory and Vicarage of Athenry, containing the consolidated Rectory of Athenry and Chapelry of Abbert and Derry Mc Loughney; a single Parish.—20. The Vicarage of Kilmeeon.—21. The Rectories and Vicarages of Headford, Kilkibury, Killeny, Killursa, Kilcoona, Killower, Donaghpatrick, and Carrigin; episcopally united.—22. The Rectories and Vicarages of Ballinakill, Unma, Moyrees, Ballindown, Ennis Bofin, Killanin, Aranmore, Aranbeg, Ennismain, and Ennisker; episcopally united. The end of the Benefices.

There

There are also Quarter parts of seven Parishes; viz. the Parishes of Shruel, Clarigalwery, Oranmore, Rahoon, Moycullin, Kilcumin, and Ballinacourty. And likewise Impropriations in six Parishes, of Drummenaghan, Towaghly, Ballintubber, Killascolee, Ballinegar, and Annagdown.—I do not know of Registries being kept in any of the Parishes or Unions, of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, prior to the year 1795; but I know that soon after the present Archbishop's translation to this Diocese in 1794, his Grace, understanding that such Registries were not kept, ordered that every Church should be furnished with a Book for that purpose, and that such Registries should be regularly kept in each Parish, according to the Canons of 1634. I presume every Church has been, in obedience to said order, furnished with such Books, but cannot ascertain the same from my own knowledge. In the year 1804, several of the Parishes transmitted attested Copies of such Registries to the Registry Office, and from that period to the present time, have continued to make such Returns to the Office. There are, however, some of the Parishes deficient in each of said years, but they have been ordered to complete the said Returns.

Charles Davis, Not. Pub.
Dep^{y} Reg^{r}.

(6.) *Court of Delegates.*

189. REGISTER.

To the Right Honourable the Commissioners on the Public Records in Ireland.

The ANSWERS of John Robinson, REGISTER OF APPEALS AND SPIRITUAL PROVOCATIONS in the High Court of Delegates, to certain Sets of QUERIES proposed to him by said Commissioners.

(1.)—THE Public Records in my custody are but of one description, namely, Cause Papers: They consist of—

Commissions of Delegates; Inhibitions; Appellatory Libels; Allegations or Exceptions, as the case may be, in answer to said Libels; Commissions for Examination of Witnesses; Interrogatories of such Witnesses; the Depositions and Answers of such Witnesses; Transmisses, which are Copies of Pleadings, Proofs and Proceedings, had in the respective Inferior Courts, in such Cases as Appeals have been proceeded on in the Court of Delegates, the original Papers remaining in the Courts where such Causes were first attached; Sentences; Monitions: And the Rule Books of the Court, five in number; No. 1. commencing 1673 to 1681; No. 2. 1693 to 1696; a few unconnected pages, under dates of 1711 and 1712; No. 3. 1787 to 1791; Nos. 4. & 5. from that period to the present time.

It is evident that such Papers will properly admit but of two Classifications: one, the arrangement of the Papers in respect to their Causes; the other, that of the Causes according to their Dates. The earliest date of any Record in my possession, is of 1666; and, with the exception of a few years, there are Records (and more particularly Transmisses) of each succeeding year, from that period to the present time. But I cannot state whether there is any deficiency in the series of these Records, as the want of Records under a particular date may as well be attributed to the want of Appeals during said years, as to the loss of the Records; there being no regular or stated Sittings of the Court of Delegates, the Judges nominated in each Commission convening a Court occasionally, as the dispatch of business in that particular case may require. In the Rule Books there appear chasms of several years, namely, one of twelve years, from 1681 to 1693; and another, of ninety-one years, from 1696 to 1787; the cause of which I cannot conjecture. I beg to remark, that all the Records above mentioned, are not to be met with in every Case introduced into this Court; Parties, to answer different purposes, often proceed so far on an Appeal as to serve an Inhibition, and then abandon the Suit; it also frequently happens, that the Inhibition by which the Respondent is cited to make appearance, is never returned when such appearance is made; and in some cases where the Appeal is prosecuted, the original Papers are forwarded to the Delegates, instead of a Transmiss, and returned to the Court from whence they were removed, when the decision of the Delegates has been pronounced thereupon. In some few instances, Parties have been permitted to examine Evidence in this Court upon Pleadings and Interrogatories, which, together with the Commission to the Register for that purpose, and the Depositions and Answers had thereunder, are deposited with the other Papers in that particular Cause; such cases however seldom happen, as but two of that description have occurred in the recollection of the present Register, who is in office eight years.

(2.)—The said Records are deposited in an upper room in the Dwelling-house of the Register; which is a good substantial house, his private property, situate in Saint Andrew Street; said room is exclusively appropriated to the safe keeping of the Records, and may be considered well circumstanced, both as to security and accommodation, for such purpose; it is always kept locked, and the key is constantly in the Register's possession.

(3.)—The

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(3.)—The said Records are, in general, in a good state of Preservation, except a few of the most ancient. The Records in each Cause are in general, but invariably of late years, arranged according to their priority of dates.

(4.)—There is no general Catalogue of these Records; nor do I conceive any such necessary, as a reference is very seldom required to any of said Records, other than to those in Causes in progress, which are always at hand; and should a reference to any other Record be necessary, same can be made without delay, as they are by no means voluminous. Should any such Catalogue, as that alluded to in these Queries, be deemed necessary, it could be completed by a Clerk in the space of a week at furthest.

(5.)—There is no Officer or Clerk employed for the custody or arrangement of the Records in this Office, save the Register, who resides in the house where said Records are deposited; and whose usual hours of attendance in his Office are from ten o'clock in the morning until four o'clock in the afternoon. During these hours, attendance is given every week-day (except Christmas Day and Good Friday) by the Register or his Clerk. Should the Register be occasionally absent, said Clerk receives and marks such Exhibits as may be lodged in the Office; he also makes Copies of such Records as are required, but receives no Emolument from the Public on that account.

The following Fees are demandable for each Search, Copy of Record, or Attendance therewith, namely:—TABLE of FEES.—For each Search, 3*s.* 4*d.*:—Copy of any Record, if not exceeding six office sheets of 72 words to the sheet, 5*s.*:—Copy of Record, exceeding four office sheets, per sheet 9*d.*:—Attendance with any Record, in Dublin, per diem, 11*s.* 4½*d.*:—Attendance therewith in the country, per diem, 2*l.* 5*s.* 6*d.*:—As no Certificate is required in this Office, no Return of Fees for such can be made. The net Annual Amount of Fees for Attendances with Records, and Copies thereof, so far as I can ascertain same in the manner directed in Queries, is 104*l.*

(6.)—There is no Person, save the Register, intrusted with the care of the Records; he makes, in person, any Searches that may be required, and restores such Record as may have been removed, to its proper place.

(7.)—I do not feel capable of suggesting any matter, which could render the use of said Records more convenient to the Public.

John Robinson,
Regr Court of Delegates.

(7.) *Armagh Province.*

190. CONSISTORY OF CLOGHER.

ANSWERS of William Mitchell, DEPUTY REGISTER of the Diocese of Clogher, to certain QUERIES directed by the Right Honourable the Commissioners on the Public Records of Ireland.

190. Register of Clogher.

(1.)—THE Records in my custody, as Keeper of the Records of the Diocese of Clogher, consist of Last Wills and Testaments, from 1659 to the present time; Certificates of Probates being granted of Last Wills and Testaments, and Administrations, with Last Wills annexed; and of Administrations of the Goods and Chattels of Persons dying intestate, and Administration Bonds of the Goods, &c. of Persons dying intestate, from the year 1659 until the present time, as far as I am able to ascertain; Collations, Institutions, Inductions, and Admissions to Benefices, from the year 1608 to the present time; Commissions for valuing Glebe Improvements and for ascertaining Dilapidations, and the Proceedings had thereupon, from the year 1712 to the present time; Unions, Divisions, and erecting of Parishes, from the year 1613 to the present time; Deeds of Exchange of Glebe Lands, from 1770 to the present time; Terriers of Parishes, from 1701 to the present time; Maps of Glebe Lands, from 1701 to the present time; Consistorial Court Proceedings, from 1660 (as far as I am able to ascertain) to the present time; Bishops' Leases of the See Lands, from 1681 until the present time.—There is one parchment Roll, of Persons taking and subscribing the Oaths, from 1717 to the present time. The Manuscript Books are all of paper, some, the earlier ones, stitched, and the rest bound; and there does not appear to me any deficiency in the series of the Records, save in the Registry of Wills in the Office Books, as there do not appear any Wills entered previous to the year 1712; and from the year 1754 until 1777, at the death of the Reverend Mark Foster, the Register (a period of 21 years) but 96 Wills were entered; and from thence until the resignation of the Reverend Andrew Allen, who succeeded Mr. Foster about December 1792 (a period of fifteen years) but 43 Wills were entered; so that from 1754 until 1793, there may be 1300 Wills not entered in the Office Books, and which I consider a serious loss; as, if any accident should happen to the original Wills, by vermin, age, or otherwise, the attested Copy in the Office Books might in a great measure supply the deficiency.—There is also a deficiency in the lodgments in the Office of the Bishops' Leases of the See Lands at different periods since 1681, until the present Bishop's time in 1798; but I am not able to state the cause, save the troubled state of the Country at the early periods, and the neglect of Bishops afterwards, in not having the Leases in three parts pursuant to the Statute; but the deficiency cannot now be remedied.

(2.)—The

(2.)—The Records are lodged in an Office in my Dwelling-house in the town of Monaghan, in large Presses; the Office floor is boarded, the windows whereof are secured by bars of iron, with outside and inside shutters, with a writing Office adjoining; the Building is private property.

(3.)—The Records are in a good state of Preservation, save what may be occasioned by age. The Wills are all kept in alphabetical order, in a Press for that purpose; the Records and Papers belonging to the several Parishes of the Diocese, are all kept separate, in alphabetical order, in Presses for that purpose; the other Papers and Records are kept in Files, as near as can be according to the different sorts and quantity.

(4.)—There are no general Catalogues, Calendars, Schedules, Repertories, or particular Indexes, to each sort. The Office Books in general, at least the modern ones, have correct Alphabets, and which appear to me to answer every necessary purpose. Such Books as have not alphabets are those of earlier periods, which are seldom resorted to; nor do I know of any utility that would result from the same being completed; save, that if at any time the Register should have occasion to resort to them, he might the more readily find the Record required. Am not able to state the time within which the same might be completed; but with the ordinary diligence of the Persons employed in the Office, I think the same might be completed in two years, or thereabouts.

(5.)—There are no Officers or Clerks employed for the custody and arrangement of the Records, &c. in my Office: I do that duty myself; and I attend all days, and at all hours. I have two Clerks for the purpose of copying, ingrossing, &c. but they have no annual Salaries, Allowances, or Emoluments, paid to them by the Public.—The Fees demandable for each Search, are 2*s.* 6*d.*:—For the Copy of some Records, 3*s.* 4*d.*; —Some Records, 6*s.* 8*d.*;—And if long, according to the length:—For attendance with some Records, in the Town, 6*s.* 8*d.* and to 1*l.* 2*s.* 9*d.* according to the time and nature of the attendance; and other attendances, according to the distance from the Office and length of the attendance: but such attendances are seldom required; not once in the year:—And the net Annual Amount of Searches, Copies, and Attendances, for the last three years, averages at about 10*l.*

(6.)—There is no Person intrusted with the care of the Records but myself; and I attend on every Search. I take care to restore every Record to its proper place.

(7.)—I know of no Matters, not comprised in the preceding Queries, which are necessary or expedient to observe, for rendering the use of the said Records more convenient to the Public, if strictly adhered to. But I will beg leave to observe, that the Registry Offices of the several Dioceses (as far as I can learn) are kept in the Registers' Dwelling-houses (private property); and few houses, if any, have apartments sufficiently large to keep the Records in the manner which appears to me necessary for the convenience of the Public; for I consider that the Registry Office of this Diocese would require to be thirty feet long, proportionably wide, to hold a sufficiency of Presses to contain the Records in the separate and complete order necessary for the convenience of the Public, and the safety and durability of the Instruments and Records, and the dispatch of business, with a convenient Writing Office. But I will also take the liberty to remark, that if such a House was to be procured, I am of opinion that the Emoluments of the Office would not do more than pay the Rent that would be demanded; and I am firmly of opinion, that such Registry Offices will never be kept in the manner pointed out by the Queries, until such Offices as I have mentioned, or something similar, are procured, either at the public expense, or some other source, not in the power of the Registers of this Kingdom; at least it is so impressed on my mind.

To the additional Quere.—The number of Parishes, of every description, within the said Diocese, are forty-five. There are but two Parishes episcopally united; namely, the Rectory and Vicarage of Saint Mary Drumkren, and the Rectory and Vicarage of Currin. There are but two Parishes otherwise united; namely, the Rectory and Vicarage of Clones, and the Rectory and Vicarage of Clontibred, united for ever to the Archdeaconry of Clogher (as its Corps) with Cure of Souls, by the Bishop of Clogher, in the year 1613. I do not know of Registries being kept in any of the Parishes or Unions, previous to the year 1799. Upon the present Bishop's translation to this Diocese in 1798, understanding that such Registers were not kept, his Lordship ordered that every Church should be furnished with a Book for that purpose, and that such Registries should be regularly and duly kept according to the Canons of 1634. Every Church has been accordingly furnished with such Book. In 1800, some of the Parishes transmitted attested Copies of such Registries to the Registry Office; and from that period to the present time, all the Parishes have almost regularly transmitted such attested Copies to the Office. There are a few Parishes deficient in some of the years, but they are ordered forthwith to complete their Returns. The Registries are generally transmitted at or about the long Vacation in each year.

Wm Mitchell,
Deputy Register of Clogher.

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191. CONSISTORY OF MEATH.

ANSWERS to the QUERIES of the Commissioners of Public Records in Ireland.

(1.)—THE Public Records in the Registry of Meath, consist of—Acts of Council, Affidavits, and Bonds on Administrations; Citations, Commissions, Caveats, Collations; Deeds relating to Glebes; Extracts from the Parish Registries of the Diocese; Inventories filed by Executors and Administrators; Instruments of Consecrations of Churches; Bishops' Leases; Libels; Maps of Glebes; Nominations to Cures, Schools, and Clerkships; Presentations, Renunciations, Resignations, and Wills. The Rolls contain the Oaths and Declarations prescribed to be made and subscribed by Persons to be instituted to Benefices, licensed to Cures, or admitted to Holy Orders: they extend from the year 1735 to the year 1810. The Books consist of six Volumes, in which are registered the Clergy's Titles to their several Benefices; Commissions for viewing Buildings, and Improvements on Glebe Lands, and the Proceedings had thereon; Commissions of the different Offices belonging to the Diocese, and the Instruments relating to erecting Parishes into perpetual Cures, and consecrating of Churches, from the year 1712 to 1810:—Six Volumes, in which are entered the Wills proved in the Consistorial Court of the Diocese, from the year 1767 to 1810:—Three Volumes, in which are entered Caveats, from the year 1725 to the year 1810:—Two Volumes, in which are entered Marriage Licences and Intestate Administrations, from the year 1742 to the year 1810:—Two Volumes, containing Bishops' Leases, from the year 1722 to the year 1810:—Two Volumes, containing the Proceedings of the Consistorial Court, from the year 1708 to the year 1810. There are several chasms in the above Records, particularly in the Clergy's Titles; and the very short distance of time to which any thing can be traced back in them, namely, ninety-eight years, seems to prove that several Records have been totally lost. This has occurred for want of a safe place to lodge them in.

(2.)—The Records are at present lodged in the Tholsel or Court House of Navan, except the Wills, which, for the greater security, are kept in the Register's private Study, in his House at Navan. The accommodation in the Tholsel is exceedingly bad. The Room in which the Records are lodged is the Portrieve's Office, who had permitted the Register to lodge his Papers there, until a proper place can be provided. Sufficient room cannot be spared here for the Records; nor can this Apartment be looked upon as a proper place of security, for various Persons as well as the Register have access to it occasionally, and it is constantly open whilst the Quarter Sessions are going forward.

(3.)—The Records are in general in a tolerable state of Preservation; except some of the old Wills, which, from damp and bad keeping, are nearly illegible. The Wills are arranged alphabetically, in a very insufficient Press. The remainder of the Records are partly in an indifferent Alphabet, and partly on Files. The Presses in which the Records are kept, are the private property of the Register. The Books of the Diocese are very bad, except those that have been procured within the last twenty years.

(4.)—There were no Catalogues, nor any Index of any kind, to the Registry, before my coming into office: One is now in hands, but not nearly completed. A complete Index might be made out in two months or thereabouts, if a Clerk was to attend to it constantly. There is not any Catalogue or Index to the Registry existing any where, that I have ever heard of.

(5.)—There are no Clerks employed for the purposes specified in this Quere; nor any Salary, Allowance, or Emolument paid by the Public, to any Person belonging to the Registry of this Diocese.

(6.)—The keeping of the Records is solely intrusted to the Register, who has no Deputy. The Register attends, and makes every Search, and restores every Record to its proper place.

(7.)—It would tend materially to the utility of the above Records, and the convenience of the Public, if a proper place were provided for keeping them, and a suitable Salary allowed to a Clerk for constantly attending at the Office, and keeping the Records properly and correctly arranged. Great losses have occurred in the Registry, for want of a permanent Registry Office. On the death or resignation of a Register, the Records have been unavoidably removed, as, until the last two years, they always lay in the Register's House for the time being. These removals may account for the chasms at present in the Registry of this Diocese; and this inconvenience never can be prevented effectually, until some Office is procured for the exclusive use of the Register of the Diocese.

To the additional Quere.—The number of Parishes, of every description and denomination, in the Diocese of Meath, amounts to 215; of these, 158 are united, either Episcopally or by Act of Council. The following Schedules will give the names of the Unions, and the dates of them, respectively, so far as they can be ascertained with precision.

Unions by Act of Council.	*Date.*	*Unions by Act of Council.*	*Date.*
Kells	an Union time out of mind.	Drakestown	1740.
Newtown	1802.	Syddan	1734.
Donoughpatrick	1801.	Stackallan	1800.
Killshyne	1809.	Painstown	1682.

Skryne

Unions by Act of Council.	*Date.*
Skryne	1677.
Tara	1680.
Ratoath	1682.
Tryvett	1678.
Dunshaughlin	1678.
Athboy	1678.
Navan	In the 17th Century, date not known.
Arbraccan	1780.
Rathgraff	1776.
Killalan	1782.
Loughcrew	1682.
Clonard	1782.
Multifarnham	1809.
Moyliskar	Time not known.
Fercall	15th Charles I.
Churchtown	1809.
Ballyloughloe	1804.
Tessauran	1804.
Kentstown	1751.

Episcopal Unions.	*Date.*
Cruisctown and Staholmock, united to Syddan	December 17th, 1788.
Duleek	1789.
Nanny, alias Julianstown	1793.
Killmoon	1807.
Assey	January 13th - 1798.
Kilmessan	February 14th - 1805.
Trim	April 16th - - 1781.
Athlumney to Navan	June 6th - - 1789.
Castlecor	November 29th, 1800.
Drumcree	September 12th, 1794.
Portloman	September 23d, 1803.
Almoritia	July 21st - - 1791.
Lency	—
Killcleagh to Ballyloughloe	April 4th - - 1800.
Reynagh to Gallen	1797.

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REGISTRIES of the Marriages, Baptisms, and Burials.

I CANNOT from my own personal knowledge state how the Registries, referred to in this Quere, have been kept in the different Parishes, previously to the translation of the present Bishop of Meath. Since his Lordship's translation to this Diocese, attested Copies have been produced at each Annual Visitation, from the Registry of each Parish in the Diocese, and lodged with the Register; when received, they have been carefully preserved in the Registry of the Diocese. No Copy of these Registries appears in the Registry of the Diocese until the year 1800; previous to that date, it does not appear that Transmissions of the Parochial Registries to the Diocesan Registry had been made.

Geo. Brabazon,
Reg[r] of Meath.

192. CONSISTORY OF DOWN.

SIR, Lisburn, 2d April 1811.

192. Actuary of Down.

IN reply to the Queries directed by the Commissioners on the Public Records in Ireland, to be answered by the Register of the Diocese of Down, I have the honour to send you, for the information of the Commissioners, the following Return; and remain,

Sir, &c.
Thomas E. Higginson,
Actuary of Down.

To W[m] Shaw Mason, Esquire,
&c. &c. &c.

(1.)—The several sorts of Public Records handed over to my custody, by the Executors of John Brett, Esquire, the late Register, in obedience to the directions of the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Down and Connor, are as follow:

No. 1. Two Manuscript Books, the first Volume commencing the 1st November 1788, and ending the 26th May 1794; and the second Volume, commencing the 22d July 1794, from the time Mr. Bristow was appointed Vicar General of the Diocese of Down, and carried down to the present date. These Volumes are similar in their contents to the great Book, No. 1. mentioned in my Report of the Diocese of Connor, containing an Account of the See Leases, Benefices, Presentations, Inductions, Ordinations, Memorials, Visitations Annual and Triennial, Curates' Licences, Returns of Promotions, &c. &c. as in the former Return specified, and to which I beg leave to refer; and besides these, an Account of Wills, received from time to time from the Vicar General, as proved in common form, with several Court Proceedings. The Register of Down then living at a distance from the Vicar General, and the Wills being but occasionally received, made these Entries necessary; and from these Entries they appear to have been carried over to the General Index of Wills. There is also an Account of Administrations intestate, to which there is no Index, and which I conclude to be imperfect, as a great quantity of Administration Bonds, of old accumulation, have been very lately handed over to me by the Vicar General. These Books contain also an account of Charitable Donations. They have no Table of Contents. In addition to the above, there is an old Manuscript Book, of a similar nature, bearing date 11th December 1692, which was brought me some days ago by Master William Ravenscroft, and which never appears to have been in the possession of the late Register of Down.

No. 2. The Wills of the Diocese. There is a twofold arrangement of these, alphabetical and numerical: The first contains all the Wills that were returned over to the late Register Mr. Brett, by Mr. Marmion, in November

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November 1788. These Wills, from a Note of the Register, at the commencement of the Index, appear to have been sorted alphabetically, as they were found, without attention to the dates, and afterwards numbered and entered in an Index with numbers corresponding. I have never had occasion to open the bundles for a Search, but from the circumstance already stated, of their being sorted without attention to dates, it is not easy to state from what period they commence. On opening the bundles A. and B. I find Wills of the date of A.D. 1650 and 1680: several of these old Wills are, as may be expected, in a mouldering state. The second arrangement, which is still continued, is numerical in centenaries, and commences with Mr. Brett. These Wills are numbered as they are received, packed up in bundles of 100 each, and are in perfect Preservation. I cannot give a positive statement with respect to the deficiencies. I find two Wills wanting in one bundle, No. 1408. and No. 1485. I observed this deficiency by opening the bundle to attach an Inventory to a Will; the Will was not in its place. On examining some other bundles, I find them perfect; and I conclude, from the care the late Mr. Brett appears to have paid to the papers that were returned to him, that they will be found among other Court Papers, or that they have been put by some mistake into a wrong bundle.

No. 3. Inventories, Administration Bonds, and Renunciations of Executors: Of these, a great mass has been lately handed over to me by the Vicar General, of many years accumulation, and belonging to the Dioceses of both Down and Connor: of course there is no Index to them, and they will require great labour to arrange.

No. 4. The See Leases.

No. 5. The Consistorial Papers, Court Book, Citations, Sentences, &c. &c.

(2.)—The Records of the Diocese belonging to the Registry, are kept in an Office attached to my own House, which I hold by a Lease for years. This Office has been lately fitted up peculiarly for the purpose, and is well adapted for the preservation and arrangement of the Records; which are deposited in a long range of Presses, divided into compartments, with doors and locks, and raised six feet from the ground, for better security.

(3.)—The state of preservation and the arrangement of the Records, have been mentioned above: See first Query, No. 2—3.

(4.)—There are Indexes to the Wills. First: An Index to the alphabetical arrangement, which I conclude to be perfect as to names, but it has no reference as to residence or date. I stated above, that I never had occasion to open those Wills for a Search, since they came into my custody in November last; an instance has however occurred since I began this Report, in relation to the Will of William Orr, which has fully shewn the utility of such reference. There happen to be ten of this name in the Registry, and I examined nine of the Wills before I came to the right one. Second: There is also an Index to the numerical arrangement. This Index is defective in the same respect, but not quite so defective as the other. There is no Index to Administrations intestate, Inventories, Renunciations, or other Court Papers. It appears to be a very desirable requisite, and as far as it can be accomplished by the Subscriber, it shall be attended to.

(5.)—There are not any Officers or Clerks employed in my Office, for the custody or arrangement of the Records; the duties of it are entirely performed by my own Family, unless in case of some peculiar influx of business. I have a large family, and many of them are able to assist me. There is no Annual Salary paid to them by the Public; but they receive the usual Fees demandable for Searches and Copies: These, in the Diocese of Down, have been, for Search, 2*s.* 8½*d.*:—For Copies, 8*d.* per sheet of 90 words, and 3*d.* Clerks:—In the Diocese of Connor, a Search has been always charged, 3*s.* 4*d.* I can give no account of the Net Annual Amount, having been so short a time in the office; but it appears to me that it must be very fluctuating. At times there is little or nothing done; at other times, as before Assizes, a good deal more.

(6.)—The custody of the Records is almost exclusively in myself. I attend upon almost every Search, and take care that every Record is duly restored to its proper place; but should circumstances (as the duties of the Registry frequently may) necessarily require my absence, a particular Member of my family is then appointed to answer inquiries, and if necessary to make search, and on my own return I observe if every Paper be rightly placed: but no Person, not a Member of my own family, has any approach to the Records in my absence.

(7.)—It is evident, from what has been stated, that the use of the Records would be more convenient to the Public, if the Indexes, or General Catalogues, were more complete; if the Index to the Wills expressed the Residence, or Parish and Date. In this respect the Registry of Down is deficient, and it is deficient in having no Index to Administrations intestate, Inventories or Renunciations. Not having sufficiently attended to this Quere in my Report for Connor, I beg leave here to add, that an entirely new Index to the Wills is almost essentially requisite for the Registry of that Diocese; this necessity has not arisen from any mismanagement on the part of Mr. Ravenscroft, on account of whose illness the duties have devolved on me, but from the mismanagement and inaccuracy of former Registers, who did not adhere to the alphabetical arrangement, as already stated in my Report for the Diocese of Connor, in my Answer to the Fourth Quere: And if such an Index be made, I would recommend that every Will should be surrounded with an Envelope, which I generally do with all the Wills I receive.

Additional

Additional Quere.—The number of Parishes, the number of Unions, and the names by which they are distinguished, in the Dioceses of Down and Connor, are correctly stated in "Papers relating to the Established Church of Ireland," ordered to be printed the 29th July 1807; to which I beg leave to refer you. No attested Copies of Marriages, Baptisms, or Burials, so far as I have been able to discover, have been at any time sent to the Diocesan Registry; I have made inquiry from some of the Clergy, who informed me, they made entries of them, particularly Marriages, in the Parish Books; but I have not had an opportunity as yet, of procuring any general information on the subject.——P. S. There are no Books belonging to the Library of the Diocese of Down, independently of those above stated, except four Volumes of the Statutes of the Imperial Parliament for the year 1809. The above Answers are given to the best of my information.

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Thomas E. Higginson,
Actuary of Down.

193. CONSISTORY OF CONNOR.

SIR, Lisburn, February 11th, 1811.

193. Register of Connor.

IN reply to the Queries directed by the Commissioners on the Public Records in Ireland, to be answered by the Register of the Diocese of Connor, I have the honour to transmit to you the following Return; and am,

Sir, &c.

To Wm Shaw Mason, Esquire,
&c. &c. &c.

Thomas E. Higginson,
Dep. Reg^r^. Connor.

(1.)—THE several sorts of Public Records handed over to my custody in the month of May last, by Mr. James Ravenscroft, Register, (his state of health not permitting him to attend sufficiently to the duties of the Registry) are as follow:

No. 1. A Manuscript Book, containing, 1st. a Transcript of the See Leases, commencing the 16th July 1683; 2d. Presentations to Benefices, Inductions, Resignations, &c. &c. with the usual Certificates; 3d. Letters of Orders, Curates' Licences, Schoolmasters' D°, Parish Clerks, &c. &c.; 4th. Leases of Rectorial Tithes; 5th. Grants of Ground for Churches and Churchyards; 6th. Consecrations of D°; 7th. Memorials for Meeting Houses; 8th. Faculties and Dispensations; 9th. Memorials for building Glebe Houses, Commissions to value, Returns, &c.; 10th. Episcopal Unions; 11th. Erection of Perpetual Cures; 12th. Returns of Promotions; 13th. Mandates for Visitations Triennial and Ordinary, Commissions to value Dilapidations, &c. &c. This is a large folio Book, which is carried down from its date to the present time: there is no Index, that I have observed, to the several matters contained in it; yet it would appear to be an essential requisite; I may in consequence have omitted some of the particulars. 14th. In addition to the above, though it may come under the same head, there is a separate Book for the Registry of Leases, commencing A. D. 1805.

No. 2. A Book, containing an Abstract of Probates and Administrations granted, commenced by James Ravenscroft, the 19th January 1809, and carried down only to the month of August of the same year.

No. 3. A Registry of Marriage Licences, commencing the 6th of October 1806, and ending June 1809, with different chasms.

No. 4. A Manuscript Transcript of Wills registered. This is a folio Book, commenced by the Subscriber, on the 2d of May 1810, when he undertook the duties of the Registry.

No. 5. The Wills of the Diocese, arranged in years, and commencing A. D. 1717, and carried down to the present date; and besides these, a number of Wills of different years, alphabetically arranged; and over and above, there is a Box of old Papers, which appears to have been handed down from Register to Register, containing for the most part old moth-eaten Administration Bonds, and Inventories, now useless, among which however there are many Wills which it would be very difficult now to decipher. To these have been added, since I commenced the present Report, another Box of Wills and other Papers, in better preservation, received from Mr. Ravenscroft: All of these would require very great labour to arrange, but it would appear to be a labour very requisite to take, as there may be Wills scattered among them of essential consequence.

No. 6. A folio Book, containing the Proceedings of the Consistorial Court.

(2.)—The Records of the Registry, Leases, Wills, and other Papers, are all kept in an Office annexed to my own House, which I hold by a Lease for years; this Office I have lately fitted up, in as complete a manner as I could, for the preservation and arrangement of the Records, which are deposited in a long range of Presses divided into compartments, with doors and locks, and raised six feet from the ground, for better security.

(3.)—The Wills from 1717 are in good Preservation; a few of them have been injured by improper ligatures. Some Wills are even injured before they are administered to, by being kept in damp places, and by being written with bad ink. When I meet with a Will likely to become illegible, I have it transcribed as a Voucher, in a Manuscript Book for the purpose. The arrangement of the Wills is as follows: 1st. An arrangement as to years, from the year 1717, to the present period: 2d. An alphabetical arrangement of different Wills, of all

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years; to which I am now framing an Index, as there had not been any. Why these Wills were so arranged, or when, I cannot say; but confusion of arrangement is a great evil. There is no continued account of Administrations intestate, in this Registry.

(4.)—I have already stated, that I have observed no Index to the several matters contained in the great Book, No. 1. Leases, Presentations, Letters of Orders, &c. &c. seem to have been inserted just as they had occurred, and the forming of a Catalogue to have been deferred until the Book was completed.—The Index to the Wills commences with 1726. I cannot say that this is a complete Index. In examining the Index for 1735, I find but six Wills mentioned in it; but on recurring to the bundle of Wills for that year, I find it as large as the year preceding, in which according to the Index there are 89. The Index is defective on another account: it is intended for an Alphabetical arrangement in each year, and seems to have been pretty accurately commenced on that plan; but in process of time this arrangement was broken through, and the Wills appear to have been entered promiscuously as they were received. In latter times the Alphabetical arrangement is adhered to, and the Will sought is found under its letter; but when the Search embraces more than 40 years back, you are obliged to search the years throughout, which occasions a very great loss of valuable time.—There has been hitherto no Index to the Wills of promiscuous years, alphabetically arranged; I am at present occupied in forming an Index to them. When the Will sought is not found in the Index of years, these Alphabetical Wills must necessarily be examined, and for that purpose, for want of an Index, recourse must be had to the bundles themselves. It is evident that very great advantage would result from a complete Index to Wills and Administrations, formed upon an Alphabetical arrangement, and stating the Name, Parish, and Year, &c. Searches, which on a defective arrangement may consume hours, would on a well digested plan only occupy a few minutes. I cannot state with any precision what length of time it would take to make a complete arrangement of all the Wills, &c. &c. in this Registry, with an accurate General Index, as I have already stated that there is a great number of old Wills and Papers, which it would be difficult to decipher. It would depend very much on the exertions and the ability of the Persons employed about it, as it could not be expected to be done without some extraordinary assistance.

(5.)—There are not any Officers or Clerks employed in my Office for the custody or arrangement of the Records; the Emoluments arising to me from the Registry, would not enable me to employ any: the duties of it are entirely performed by my own family. I have been so short a time in the office, that I am not able to make any Statement of the Net Annual Amount of the Profits. The Fees demandable for an Extract, are 8*d.* per sheet of 90 words, and for a Search, 3*s.* 4*d.*

(6.)—The Records are chiefly under my own care. When obliged to be absent, my Daughter is fully equal to manage the concerns of the Registry, and sufficiently attentive to see that every Record is put into its own place.

Additional Query.—The number of Parishes. The number and nature of Unions, and the names by which they are distinguished in the Dioceses of Down and Connor, are correctly stated in "Papers relating to the Established Church of Ireland, ordered to be printed 29th July 1807;" to which I beg leave to refer. Correct Registries of Baptisms and Marriages, are kept in the Parish of Lisburn, in the Parish Books, and in many other Parishes of the Diocese; but from my present information, I am not able to state that it is universally the case. No attested Copies of such things have at any time, as far as I am able to discover, been transmitted by the different Parishes to the Diocesan Registry. I cannot state the reason why such transmissions have not been attended to.

The above Answers to the different Questions are given to the best of my present information.

Thomas E. Higginson,
Dep. Regr of Connor.

194. CONSISTORY OF DERRY.

194. Register of Derry.

SIR, Londonderry, 3d December 1810.

IN answer to the Queries directed by the Commissioners on the Public Records of Ireland, I beg leave to state, that I am not in possession of any original Records, Rolls, Instruments, Registers, or Manuscript Books and Papers, containing any Acts or Proceedings by Royal, Parliamentary, Judicial or other Public Authority; save that I have the custody of the Wills registered and proved in the Consistorial Court of the Diocese of Derry. I enclose the Answer of the Librarian of the Diocesan Library.

I have the honour to be, Sir, &c.

To Wm Shaw Mason, Esquire, &c. &c. &c.

Wm Camack, Regr Diocese of Derry.

195. CONSISTORY OF RAPHOE.

195. Vicar General, of Raphoe.

THERE are no ancient Records of the Diocese of Raphoe in the Registry: They are supposed to be destroyed, when the Castle of Raphoe was besieged and taken by Cromwell's soldiers, or afterwards when pillaged and burned by the Irish Army under James II.

Living at a considerable distance from Raphoe, and being little conversant with the business of the Registry, except in the proceedings of the Consistorial Court, I refer the Answers to the Queries respecting the registry of the Records, to the Register, or his Deputy Mr. Lewis Walker, who does the business, and I believe is well qualified, as a man of skill and integrity in his official capacity; and to him it belongs to answer the several Queries in his own department, except only as to the Registry Office, which I recollect, and he cannot. I remember such an Office above 50 years ago; a shabby Building at the time, which went to decay. The Papers, I understand, were removed into the Castle of Raphoe (the See House) to which Bishop Downes made additions of new Offices to a considerable extent, into one of which the several Papers were removed and have been kept ever since, though I have no reason to believe that the said Apartment is any other than the property of the Bishop of the Diocese. It is, I conceive, proper, and fully sufficient for the purpose to which it applies.

With respect to the Additional Quere.—The number of Parishes in the Diocese are 31; of which, six form the Corps of the Deanry; two, Tullyferne and Aghnishe, in the gift of the College of Dublin, were formerly separate Parishes, but have been united time out of mind, and held and taken as one Parish under the denomination of Tullyaghnish, but when or how united does not appear. There is but one temporary Union in the Diocese, of two Parishes; they lie at a considerable distance from each other, Templecrone and Inver, held under a faculty.—The keeping of Parish Registries is not general, and the sending Copies of such Registries annually to the Ordinary is I believe not practised at all.

John Alcock,
Vicar General.

Muroagh, 25th January 1811.

REGISTER.

Register of Raphoe.

THERE are no Public Records, Rolls, Instruments, or Manuscript Books or Papers, in my custody, as Deputy Register and Keeper of the Diocesan Registry of Raphoe, except original Wills of deceased Persons be considered as part of such; the Acts and Decrees of Court; and the Registry Books and Rolls, in which are entered Admissions, Collations, Institutions, Ordinations, &c. &c. of the Clergy of the Diocese; and to which there are particular Indexes, and all kept safe and in regular and good order, and no chasms or deficiencies since the year 1691.

I am the only Person employed for the custody and arrangement of all the Books and Papers therein; and am paid no Salary, Allowance or Emolument, by the Public, for my daily attendance from ten o'clock in the morning to four o'clock in the evening. I have a Fee of 2*s.* 6*d.* for each Search, the Average of the annual amount thereof being about Two Guineas; and am particularly careful duly and fairly to restore each Paper to its proper place. I have no further Observations to make.

Lewis Walker,
Dep. Reg.

Raphoe, 4th March 1812.

196. CONSISTORY OF KILMORE.

196. Register of Kilmore.

ANSWERS to the QUERIES directed by the Commissioners on Public Records in Ireland.

(1.)—THE Records in the Registry Office of the Diocese of Kilmore, consist of Wills, Institutions, Diocesan Rolls, Leases of Bishops' Lands, Proceedings in the Consistorial Court, Deaths, Births, and Marriages, Renunciations of Executors, Resignations of Livings, Administration Bonds, Recantations, Presentations, Terriers of Glebe Lands, Consecrations of Churches, Nominations of Curates, Visitation Mandates, original Citations, Inventories of Goods of Intestates, and Petitions. The Manuscript Books consist of the Registry of Wills since September 1693; Books containing Proceedings and Decrees of Court; Administrations, Institutions, Priests' and Deacons' Orders, since 1745.

(2.)—The Building where said Records are lodged is in the town of Cavan, and is well secured; it is private property.

(3.)—The Records are well preserved. The Wills are alphabetically arranged, and the Records labelled.

(4.)—There are Indexes to each of the Manuscript Books, and I know of no Records belonging to this Office, in any person's hands.

(5.)—I am the only Person employed in this Office, and I attend every day (Sunday excepted) from nine o'clock until three. I have been only two years Deputy Register, and I average the Emoluments for that time at 120*l.* per annum. I found the Records, at the death of the late Register, Christopher Braden, quite irregular, since which I have endeavoured to arrange them to the satisfaction of the Bishop of Kilmore. There is no Salary from the Public, and the Income is uncertain, as the Fees depend on the nature and length of the business done.

(6.)—I am

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(6.)—I am the only Person intrusted with the care of the said Records.

(7.)—I know of none.

There are 38 Parishes in the Diocese of Kilmore.

No. 1.	Kilmore	Vicarage	Rev. Wm Magennis.
2.	Ballintemple	Vicarage	Rev. Wm Magennis.
3.	Kedue	Rectory	Rev. Wm Magennis.

These three Parishes belong to Wm Magennis, as Dean of Kilmore.

4.	Cavan, alias Urney	Vicarage	Rev. H. Maxwell.
5.	Anigilif	Vicarage	Rev. H. Maxwell.

These two Parishes are episcopally united.

6.	Castleterra	Rectory and Vicarage	Rev. Geo. Gore.
7.	Belturbut, alias Anna	Rectory and Vicarage	Rev. Rd Wynne.
8.	Drumlane	Vicarage	Rev. Wm Magennis.
9.	Tomregan	Rectory and Vicarage	Rev. Richd Brooke.
10.	Drumgoon	Rectory and Vicarage	Rev. Edwd Lucas.
11.	Killersherdany	Vicarage	Rev. J. Brougham.
12.	Ashfield	Vicarage	Rev. Jos. Walsh.
13.	Drung	Vicarage	Rev. Thos. Cradock.
14.	Kildrumferton	Vicarage	Rev. Thos. Skelton.
15.	Shircock, alias Killan	Rectory and Vicarage	Rev. Wm Montgomery.
16.	Balliborow, alias Moybullogue	Rectory and Vicarage	Rev. Jno Gumly.
17.	Knockbride	Rectory and Vicarage	Rev. Danl Palmer.
18.	Mullough, alias Killencar	Vicarage	Rev. Arnold Cosby.
19.	Denn	Vicarage	Rev. Albert Nesbitt.
20.	Lavy	Vicarage	Rev. Thomas Sneyd.
21.	Lurgan, alias Muntuconagh	Rectory and Vicarage	Rev. Wm Sneyd.
22.	Castlerahan	Rectory and Vicarage	Rev. Hy Maxwell.
23.	Kildalon	Rectory and Vicarage	Rev. Wm Meara.
24.	Innismegrath	Vicarage	Rev. Wm Johnston.
25.	Killisandra	Rectory and Vicarage	Rev. Wm Hales.
26.	Carrigallen	Vicarage	Rev. John Agar.
27.	Templeport	Rectory and Vicarage	Rev. Wm Bushe.
28.	Drumrilly	Vicarage	Rev. Wm Bushe.

N. B. The two latter were united 27th Sept. 1682, by Act of Council.

29.	Outragh	Vicarage	Rev. Francis Percy.
30.	Kenawley	Rectory and Vicarage	Rev. James Langrishe.
31.	Killesher	Rectory and Vicarage	Rev. C. C. Beresford.
32.	Killinagh	Vicarage	Rev. John Clarke.
33.	Cloncare	Vicarage	Rev. John Leahy.
34.	Clonloger	Vicarage	Rev. John Leahy.
35.	Killasnet	Vicarage	Rev. John Leahy.

N. B. The three latter are united; but I cannot tell when, or by whom.

36.	Rosinver	Vicarage	Rev. Francis Saunderson.
37.	Drumlease	Vicarage	Rev. Crinus Irwin.
38.	Killargin	Vicarage	Rev. John Stephens.

Wm Erskine,
Dep. Regr Diocese Kilmore.

197. CONSISTORY OF DROMORE.

ANSWERS to certain QUERIES directed by the Commissioners on the Public Records in Ireland.

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(1.)—WILLS, Inventories, Rolls subscribed by licensed Schoolmasters, Marriage and Intestate Bonds, Leases belonging to the See, Denunciations, Divorces, Inductions, Letters Dimissory, Letters of Request, with a great variety, such as might be expected to be in such an Office. There are Manuscript Books, in which are recorded the Clergy's Titles to their Livings, Improvements on Glebe Lands, Marriages, Administrations, Caveats, Acts of Court, &c. &c.

(2.)—The Registry Office is in my own House, in the town of Dromore, in which all the Records of the Diocese are lodged; and is in good condition, well secured, and well adapted for keeping such Records; and is my own private property.

(3.)—The

(3.)—The Records are all in a good state of Preservation, and are severally arranged in Presses made for that purpose, and all numbered on outside, also each shelf within; and there are numerical and alphabetical books, made so, that any person, who understands the arrangement, can forthwith find any lodgment in the Office.

(4.)—I think this Quere is fully answered by the Answer to the Third.

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(5.)—The custody of the Records is entirely with the Register; there is no other Officer or Assistant employed, nor occasion for any, for the custody and arrangement of the Records in this Office. The Register makes the Searches himself, for which he takes Half-a-crown each. Copies of Records, &c. are charged according to their length.

(6.)—The Register, and no other Person, is intrusted with the care of the Records, and he takes care to have all Searches regularly made, and to have all Records duly restored to their proper places.

(7.)—The present Bishop of Dromore, having (as soon as he could, after coming to the See) caused the Register's Office to be put in proper regular order, and knowing that it is kept so; I, as Register, cannot see that any improvement could be made in it at present.

Additional Quere.—Twenty-four Parishes; one Union only, viz. Drumgoolan and Drumballyruny.—I do not know how Registries of Baptisms, Marriages, or Burials, have been kept in the several Parishes. There have been some copies of Registries of Baptisms returned to the Register Office, by some of the Clergy, but no Marriages or Burials; what have been transmitted, are safe, and well preserved. All Licences for celebration of Marriage, are regularly recorded in the Registry on issuing the same.

Oliver Brush,
Reg^{r} Diocese of Dromore.

(8.) *Dublin Province.*

198. CONSISTORY OF KILDARE.

198. Register of Kildare.

IN compliance with the directions conveyed in your Letter of the 18th September last, I have the honour to annex the following Answers to the several Queries contained therein.

(1.)—The Public Records in the Registry, consist of Maps of Bishops' Lands, Parishes and Glebes; Counterparts of Bishops' Leases; Commissions for Valuations of Benefices, and for estimating Money laid out in building Glebe Houses, and Returns to the same; Memorials for, and Acts of Consecration of Churches and Chapels; Deeds, relating to Trusts vested in the Bishop, and of Sales of the Advowson of Livings, &c.; Conveyances of Lands for Churchyards and Glebes; Resignations of Persons holding Benefices; Copies of Parish Registers; Monitions for Archbishops' Triennial Visitations; Inhibitions during the same, and Relaxations thereof; Commissions of Surrogacy to Vicars General and Surrogates, and Deputations to Registries, whilst Inhibitions remained in force; Rural Deans' Reports; Annual Visitation Books; Memorials for Tithe; Citations; Monitions from Prerogative Office for original Wills; Letters of Request from other Dioceses for Citations; Commissions for swearing Administrators; Proxies to obtain Administrations; Inventories of Goods of deceased Persons; Marriage Licence and Administration Bonds; a Roll, containing the signatures of Persons who have taken the necessary Oaths on their admission to any Office or Promotion, from the year 1740 to the present time; and of Manuscript, Title, Will, and Court Books.——There are six volumes of Title Books.

Title Books:—1st Volume contains Entries of Miscellaneous Ecclesiastical Proceedings; chiefly, Titles to Benefices, Appointments, Letters of Orders, Commissions for Valuation of Livings, &c. &c.; also Rules of the Consistorial Court of the Diocese; Administrations, Marriage Licences, &c. The first Entry is dated 1678, the latest 1737.

2d Volume consists of two imperfect Books, and some detached leaves of irregular dates; the first 66 pages are lost; first date, 1711; latest, 1789. Entries of like tenor to first volume.

3d Volume contains Entries similar to those in former volumes, from 1740 to 1766; a single Entry occurs, dated 1782.

4th Volume comprises Entries, of irregular dates, between the years 1790 and 1802.

5th Volume contains Entries like to former volumes, excepting, that the Proceedings of the Consistorial Court are omitted; it should regularly commence in the year 1802, and it terminates in 1809: but there are copies of Clergymen's Titles, of irregular dates, for the last thirty years. The present Bishop of Kildare, immediately after his translation, observed the irregular and neglected state of the Registry, and he caused all Titles and other Instruments, which were not registered in their proper places, to be collected, and entered in this volume.

6th Volume commences from the termination of the last, in 1809, and it has been kept with regularity.

An old Volume was found, after the above-mentioned volumes were collected, arranged, and bound together; it consists almost entirely of Precedents: there are, however, some Entries of like tenor to those in

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former volumes, of irregular dates, from 1694 to 1731.—The Entries of the two first-mentioned volumes, as also of said old book, are chiefly in Latin.—There are four volumes of Will Books.

Will Books:—1st Volume commences 1678 and ends 1704; in it are entered Copies of Wills lodged in the Registry during that period, and Memoranda of the various Administrations granted.

2d Volume contains Entries similar to former volume. There is a Copy of a Licence to a Curacy in one part; it commences 1740, and ends 1761.

3d Volume contains Copies of Wills only, from 1761 to 1769.

4th Volume commences 1780, and is not yet finished. There is a chasm of 36 years, between the termination of the first, and commencement of the second volume; and of eleven years, between the third and fourth. There are Copies of seven Wills, the Originals of which do not appear to be in the Registry. There are 300 Wills, not entered in the Will Books: The only mode of accounting for the irregularity and chasms which appear to exist in the Title and Will Books, is the neglect of the Registers, for which supposition there is good ground.

Court Book:—In which are entered the several Marriage Licences, Administrations granted, and other various Proceedings of the Consistorial Court; it commences September 1808, and is not yet finished.

(2.)—The Records of the Diocese are lodged in Presses, made with sufficient accommodation for the purpose, at No. 5, Saint Andrew-street; the only danger to which they are liable is fire, the house being private property.

(3.)—The Records in general are in good Preservation, and have lately been arranged in the order of their dates, so that any Paper can be immediately procured.

(4.)—There is a particular Index attached to each volume of the Title Books, excepting vol. 5.; and to the Will Books; and also a general Index to the Wills. There is also an alphabetical Catalogue of every Record in the Registry. There is not any Index to the volume of the Titles, which was found after the others were completed: I should require about a month to make accurate Indexes thereto.—It appears, by a Statement in one of the manuscript books of the Chapter of Kildare, "that the Records of the Diocese were lost during the Rebellion of 1640;" whether they were then destroyed or are still in existence, is a matter of doubt. I do not know of any Records being in the possession of any Person but myself.

(5.)—I am the only Person under whose custody and arrangement the Records are. I perform all the duties connected with my office, and I am ready to do any business at any time I may be called on. I charge Half-a-crown for the Search of a Record; the expense of a Copy whereof is according to its length, 9*d.* for each office sheet. I charge a Guinea per diem for my attendance in Town; for going into a distant part of the Country, Three Guineas per diem, including my travelling expenses. The amount of the Average of my Fees for those duties, for the last three years, is at the rate of 4*l.* per annum.

(6.)—I am specially intrusted with the care of the Records, and attend every Search, and immediately restore to its proper place any Record that has been produced for inspection.

(7.)—There does not appear to me to be any Matter, not comprised in the above Queries, which it would be necessary or expedient to observe, for rendering the use of the Records more convenient to the Public.

Additional Quere.—Prior to the year 1804, it does not appear that any Copies of Parish Registries were forwarded to the Registry. From that period, however, Copies have been duly delivered, in most instances, to the Registrar, at the Bishop's Annual Visitation. During the Rebellion of 1798, many Parish Registries were destroyed. The Clergy have been enjoined by the present Bishop to furnish annual Copies of their Parish Registries of Marriages, Baptisms, and Burials, which injunction is in general complied with; these copies are arranged in the order of their years, and entered in a parchment book kept for that purpose.—The number of Parishes in the Diocese of Kildare is 72; forty-four whereof are united Episcopally, two by Act of Council, and six by Prescription, or by some other authority, of which there is no Record.

A List of all the Parishes in the Diocese, distinguishing such as are united; with Observations.

Cloncurry, a Rectory.—This forms the Corps of the Deanry.

Carne, a Vicarage.—This forms the Corps of the Precentorship.

Knavenstown, a Vicarage.—This forms the Corps of the Treasurership.

Dunmurghill.—This Parish is appropriate to the Dean and Chapter of Kildare.

Tully, alias Coughlanstown.—This is a Preceptory appurtenant to the Bishoprick of Kildare.

Castlecarberry, a Vicarage.—This Benefice includes the following Vicarages, but Castlecarberry is mentioned alone in the Titles; Carberry, Ballydrumna, Dunfort, Arkhill, Nurney, Codamstown, Mylerstown, Carrick.

Cloncurry, Kilcock, Ballyscullogue, Ballynefagh; Episcopally united.—The Rectory of Downings is held by the Incumbent of Kilcock, but it is not mentioned in his Titles.

Donadea,

Donadea, a Prebend and Rectory; Balrahen, a Vicarage.—The Incumbent holds these under different Titles; the Rectory of Donadea is not inserted in either of them, nor is there any mention made of their Union. The only Titles to these Parishes on record, are dated 1705, in which they are said to be Episcopally united.

Claine, Mainham, Killibegs, Clonshambo, Vicarages; Episcopally united.

Kill, a Vicarage; Lyons, Rectory entire; Episcopally united.—The Parishes of Clonaghless, White Church, Kerdiffstown, and Johnstown, are Parcels of this Benefice, but not mentioned in the Titles.

Naas, Vicarage.—The Incumbent is also instituted to a proportion of the Rectorial Tithes of the Parish of Carogh, which has been united to said Vicarage and Parish of Naas, by Act of Council.

Forenaghts, Perpetual Curacy; Herristown, Vicarage; Episcopally united.

Bodenstown, Vicarage.

Timahoe, Ballymac Williams; Rectories entire.—It does not appear in the Titles by what authority these Parishes are united.

Kerogh alias Cerogh, Bride Church, Rectory entire; Downings, Vicarage; Episcopally united.

Kilmaoge, Rectory and Vicarage; Rathernon, Rectory and Vicarage; Lulliamore, Prebend; Episcopally united.

Feighcullen, Rectory and Vicarage.

Morristown Biller, Old Connell, Rectories entire; Episcopally united.

Ladytown, Great Connell, Sherlockstown, Rectories; Episcopally united.—These are called Rectories in the Incumbent's Titles; previous thereto, they were denominated Curacies.

Killishee, Rectory and Vicarage; Ballymanney, Rectory entire; Episcopally united.

Carnalloway, Rectory and Vicarage.

Rathangan alias Clonbologue, Prebend Rectory and Vicarage.

Pollardstown, Thomastown, Dunmurry, Rectories entire; Episcopally united.

Doneny, Vicarage; Lackagh, Rectory entire; Episcopally united.

Monasterevan, Perpetual Curacy.

Kilbrackan, Rectory and Vicarage; Harristown, Prebend Rectory and Vicarage; Episcopally united.

Nurney, Prebend Rectory and Vicarage.

Keldengan, Walterstown, Rectories; Episcopally united.

Ballysax, a Rectory and Vicarage.

Ballysonnon, Prebend Rectory and Vicarage; Kilrush, Rectory entire; By Act of Council.

Castropetre alias Monasteroris, Prebend and Rectory.

D° *, Vicarage.—[The Vicarages marked thus * are Episcopally united.]

Kilrenny, Vicarage.

Kilclonfert, Rectory.

D° *, Vicarage.

Primult, Coolcor, Rectories entire.—It does not appear in the Titles by what authority these Rectories are united.

Clonsast alias Clonbologue, Rectory; Ballynakill, Vicarage; Episcopally united.

Croghan, Rectory and Vicarage.

Ballycommon, Rectory and Vicarage.

Killaderry alias Philipstown, Vicarage *.

Killeighy alias Ballykean, Rectory.

D°, Vicarage *.

Geuskill, Prebend Rectory and Vicarage.

Rerymore, Kilmanman, Castlebrack, Vicarages.

Lea, Vicarage.

Coolbenger alias Coolbainagher, Ballycowlan alias Ardea, Rectories; Episcopally united.

Chapel St. Paul, Chapel St. Michael.—In Portarlington.

R. G. Greene,
Joint and Acting Registrar,
Diocese Kildare.

To the Secretary to
the Board of Public Records.

199. CONSISTORY OF OSSORY.

ANSWERS to the QUERIES directed by the Commissioners on the Public Records in Ireland, to the REGISTER of the Diocese of Ossory, or his Deputy.

(1.)—THE following are the Records in the custody of the Deputy Register of this Diocese:—Collations to Ecclesiastical Benefices; Faculties and Dispensations; Deeds of Exchange of Glebe Lands; Memorials for building and improving Glebe Houses; Commissions to view and examine Glebe Houses; Bishops' Certificates of the Sums expended in building and improving Glebe Houses; Commissions to inspect Dilapidations suffered in Glebe Houses; Maps of the several Parishes and Glebes within the Diocese of Ossory; Counterparts of Leases, executed by the Bishop of Ossory, of the Lands, &c. belonging to the See; Wills proved in this Diocese; Administration and Matrimonial Bonds; Acts for the Union and Disunion of Parishes; Proceedings and Pleadings of the Ecclesiastical Court; Rolls for the Subscription of the Clergymen to the Oaths, Declarations, and Canons Ecclesiastical; Caveats; Inventories of the Goods, &c. of Persons deceased. The Manuscript Books ase those into which are transcribed Copies of the Wills, Presentations, Faculties, Dispensations, Institutions, Collations, Letters of Orders, Curates' Licences, Parish Clerks' and Schoolmasters' Licenses, Bishops' Leases, Memorials, Deeds of Exchange of Glebe Lands, Proceedings of the Ecclesiastical Court,

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Court, Entries of Letters of Administration, and Marriage Licences. The earliest periods to which the Records of this Diocese refer, so far as I can ascertain, from the irregular and imperfect state in which they have hitherto been kept, is to the year 1634. It would be a laborious, and nearly an impracticable undertaking, to endeavour to point out where such Records are deficient, when such deficiencies occurred, or from what cause. Many of the Records and Manuscript Books have been lost; how, or from what cause, I cannot say, unless in the removal of them from the houses of the different Officers in whose custody they have been from time to time. The Wills are the only Records that are perfect, and without any deficiencies: they refer to the year 1634, and are regularly and alphabetically arranged from that period up to the present.

(2.)—The Records are kept in a Room upon the second floor, in a slated House, situate in Back-lane, in the City of Kilkenny. They are perfectly secure, and well preserved in their present state; but the accommodation for the keeping of them is not so eligible as might be wished. The House is private property.

(3.)—The Records, from the year 1790 up to the present period, are in good Preservation, and alphabetically arranged. Some of the Manuscript Books, prior to that period, are in loose sheets.

(4.)—All the Manuscript Books, from the year 1790, have perfect and correct Indexes annexed to them: prior to that period a few only are indexed. If the Manuscript Books, which are broken and abused in the covers, and of which many of the leaves are loose, were bound up anew, and supplied with complete Indexes, these valuable Records, which are of high importance to the See of Ossory, and which, in their present state, are liable to be rendered imperfect from the loss of loose sheets, would be preserved. The only assistance requisite to complete the above would be that of a Bookbinder. One month solely devoted to the arrangement of the Records, binding and indexing of the Books, would be sufficient time for that purpose.

(5.)—The principal Register of this Diocese has a Deputy, in whose custody said Records are. The duty of the Person officiating as Register or Keeper of said Records, is, to attend and make such Searches as may be required of him, and to prepare all such Proceedings as appertain to his office. His hours of attendance are generally from ten in the forenoon until four in the afternoon. He has not any Salary or Allowance from the Public, or any other Person. He is paid 2*s.* 6*d.* for each Search; 3*s.* 4*d.* for each Certificate; and after the rate of 9*d.* per office sheet, for the Copies of Records. The net annual Amount of the Fees and Allowances received by me, on an average for the last three years, for Searches, Certificates, Copies of Records, and attendance with same, is about 10*l.*

(6.)—The Person specially intrusted with the care of the Records, &c. whose duty it is to attend and make Searches, &c. is the Deputy Register.

(7.)—Not any.

To the additional Quere.—There are 62 Ecclesiastical Benefices in the Diocese of Ossory. Of this number, 25 are Unions: they are distinguished by the following names; viz. Unions—1. Aghour; 2. Attier alias Attanagh; 3. Attier alias Attanagh (Vic.); 4. Kilfane; 5. Thomastown; 6. Knoctopher; 7. Callan; 8. Burnchurch; 9. Kells; 10. Rathdowny; 11. Aghmacart; 12. Fiddown; 13. Dunkit; 14. Poleroan; 15. Kilcoan and Kilbride; 16. Rosbercon; 17. Ennistioge; 18. Kilcullihéen and Macully; 19. Odogh; 20. Dunmore; 21. Mothill; 22. Rathcool and Kilkyran; 23. Claragh and Saint John's; 24. Inchihologan; 25. St. Canice.—Registries of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, are regularly kept in most of the Parishes; but, although I have repeatedly written circular Letters to the several Incumbents, to send attested Copies of such Registries annually to the Office, a few have only complied, and but in one instance.

Wm Grace,
Dep. Regr Diocese of Ossory.

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ANSWERS to QUERIES directed by the Commissioners on the Public Records in Ireland, by me Thomas Bridson, REGISTER of the Diocese of Ferns.

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(1.)—THE Public Records in this Office are—Wills, when proved: these are, from the year 1650, partly legible; there are others prior, not legible.—There are, besides, Manuscript Books; one of which contains Recitals and Abstracts of Acts of Parliament and Ecclesiastical matters, now of no use.—Three other Books; containing Copies of Wills, Entries of Marriage Licences, Copies of Leases, Examinations of Witnesses, Letters Patent, Acts of Council, commencing about the year 1618, and up to the years 1714 and 1723; one of which I alphabeted as well as I could; the others have not proper, or, I may say, any Alphabets; all very irregular, and in very bad order.—Three other Books, commencing in 1726, to 1774, in bad order as to binding, but regularly alphabeted.—Other Books, from 1775 up to the present period; in good order, and alphabeted.—There is a chasm or deficiency in all the Wills; and also in the Books, save as to one of the old ones, from the year 1716 or 1718 to 1724, supposed to be taken out of the Registry for the purpose of misleading a person in searching, and preventing any Titles under a Will to be made out.—Since I became Register, which was in the year 1791, I have entered the Wills in one Book, and the Administrations and

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Licences of Marriage in a separate one from Wills; but the rise on Paper and Books fit for the Office is now so enormous, that it will be very difficult to get proper Paper, which ought to be very strong for such, the Emoluments of the Office being so small.

(2.)—The Building in which the said Records are kept or lodged, is by no means in a condition of security against fire, though the accommodation for keeping them is good, the Presses for keeping the Wills being made at my own expense; but the Building is private, not public property, it being my own House, taken by lease; and some time after the leases were executed, I found that the gable-end walls were only four inches thick, just the breadth of a brick lying flat.

(3.)—The Wills are in as good Preservation as can be from the length of time; the Books, as in the first Quere mentioned: they are kept in Presses, and arranged therein in alphabetical and good order.

(4.)—There are complete, and, I believe, correct Indexes to all the Books, except the first three or four; the Index to one is sometimes put down in the Christian Name, and sometimes in the Surname; and there is one that has a kind of Index that I do not think belongs to it. I do not think that any great utility would result from such Indexes being completed, as I do not imagine there is any thing therein of any material consequence. About a month or six weeks, or less, without interruption, might complete same; but it is impossible in this Office, being a public one, and having no one to attend but myself, except my Son at times, to be without interruption. I do not know any place where, or any Person in whose hands, any Indexes are, that may be wanting. I got the old Books from the late Mr. Stafford, of Dublin, Notary Public, who had been Register, and the Wills and one Book from Mr. Vicary, who acted as Deputy Register under Mr. Stafford.

(5.)—There is no Officer or Clerk at present employed for the custody or arrangement of the Records, &c. in my Office, but myself; I had a Clerk for a few years, but since his death, upwards of three years ago, I have not had one. The general duties are, keeping the Wills and Books in alphabetical order, and entering them in the Books, for which last purpose I get a Son of mine sometimes to assist me, as I cannot get a Clerk under from 15 *l.* to 20 *l.* a year, besides a guinea duty, which the Emoluments of the Office will not allow of.—As the Records, &c. are in my own house, I never kept any particular days or hours of attendance: I attend every day from about eight in the morning to ten at night, except on days I am out on Visitations and other business.—I charge for each Search, from 2*s.* 6*d.* to 2*s.* 8½*d.*; and if I give a Certificate, I charge from 5*s.* 5*d.* to 6*s.* 8*d.*; and for every sheet in a Copy of a Will, 9*d.* besides the stamps.

(6.)—There is no Person intrusted with the care of the Records, or to make Searches, but myself; and I take as much care as I can to have them duly and fairly restored to their proper places.

(7.)—There is not any other Matter necessary or expedient to observe, that I know of, for rendering the use of the said Records, &c, more convenient to the Public, except a public Office.

To additional Quere.—The number of Parishes, of every description or denomination, within the Diocese of Ferns, and the Unions thereof, episcopally and otherwise, are given by me in a separate document; to which I beg leave to refer.—By the Rural Dean's Report, given in yearly, it appears that Registries are regularly and duly kept of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials; but how long they are so kept, I cannot inform the Commissioners, never having seen them; but Copies of them are given in at every Visitation for these eighteen years last past, but never before. These are not always as regular as they ought to be, nor are they all regularly attested; for though the present Archbishop of Dublin gave full orders and directions that such must be on vellum or parchment, yet they are generally given in on paper; and many that are given in on parchment, are, some on the back of pieces of old Deeds, and some on parts of old Deeds erased for the purpose of writing them thereon; scarce any one of the Clergy will go to the expense of buying a skin of parchment for that purpose. When received, I roll up each year's Return in a separate bundle, in paper, and endorse the year thereon; not being able myself to enter them in books and alphabet them. When I had a Clerk, I caused some of them to be done so; but it is scarcely worth while to do it, even if I had a Clerk, except he had nothing else to do, as I never had above three times any occasion to have recourse thereto. The only reason I can give for the series of Parochial Registries being defective since they have begun to be given in, is, that the Clergy have neglected to give them in; some of them have told me at the Visitations, that they did not bring the Copy, but would send it to me; which some have done and others have neglected to do; and I did not choose to say any thing of it, for if I did, I must make an enemy for ever of such person, which is what I endeavour to avoid as much as possible.—In addition to the foregoing, I beg leave to make the following Observations: The Emoluments of this Office are not worth more than about 60 *l.* per annum, except in cases of making out Titles to Livings, which are only now and then, therefore are uncertain; and it is almost yearly growing worse instead of better, on account of the suppression of Wills and their not being proved, owing to the advice of Attornies and others, who inform people there is no occasion for going to the expense of doing so, and getting people to leave any difference among them, on account of bequests and legacies, to Arbitration, often without Stamps and Arbitration Bonds, if any such are drawn; by which means the loss on Stamp Duties cannot be less than from 500 *l.* to 1,000 *l.* a year in this County alone, as several Wills ought to be proved, the Stamp Duty of which would be from 20 *l.* to 35 *l.* on each;

each; for there is not a richer Yeomanry in the Kingdom than in this Diocese; scarcely any farmer, who holds 20 or 30 acres, but can give each of his children from 100*l.* to 200*l.* or 300*l.* each. Some people have gone so far as to be sworn, and when they found what the Stamp that was necessary would come to, have declined proving the Will; others will not prove them, though cited for that purpose. I beg leave herewith to send an Account or List of such of them as have come to my knowledge, being partly lodged, and having heard of others by asking my advice thereon: for though the Stamp Act, passed in 1807, expressly mentions, that every person who acts as executor or administrator, must give in an Inventory on oath of the goods of the deceased, under a penalty of 100*l.*; and that if any person should administer any of the effects of any person dying worth 200*l.*; yet as it is the Commissioners of Stamp Duties who are to recover such penalties, and as no Inventory can be given without taking out Probate or Administration, no penalty has yet been sought to be recovered by them, or inquired into by them; and until some other mode shall be struck out by Parliament, and an Act passed for inforcing it, and such Act made a public one, that Judges and others shall be obliged to observe and inforce it, half of the Wills made and to be made will never be proved, and the Stamp Duty will suffer greatly.—The Emoluments of this Office are so small, it would not be worth any other person's while, or mine, to hold same, had it not been that, as I served my time to the attorney-business, I have many things to do in that way or line of writing, that help me to support myself and family.

A List of Wills partly lodged, and others which have come to my knowledge, refused to be proved.

Richard Jeffares, late of Wexford, Chandler, deceased. Though the Executors have executed a Deed of Assignment of part of the Premises, yet they have not proved the Will.

Henry Cooper, of Wexford, Gentleman. Though the Executors have sold the Goods, they have not proved the Will.

William O'Brien, of Kilthomas. Executors have refused proving Will.

Anthony Rossiter, late of Trimmers Bridge, in Wexford. Though the Executors have sold part of the Goods, they have not proved the Will.

Maurice Roche, late of Garrylough, near Wexford. Though the Widow has possessed herself of the Property, she yet refuses to administer.

Matthew Furlong, late of Monamolin. Though the Executors have been cited, yet they refuse to prove the Will.

Daniel Cosgrave, or Cosker, late of Clone near Gorey. Will refused to be proved, though a reference had without Stamps.

Loftus Hatton, late of Clonard, Esquire. Will refused to be proved, under the advice of an Attorney, though all the Rents are received by the Widow under colour of a Settlement. This must be proved in the Prerogative.

Laurence Rossiter, late of Killtown or Milltown. The Executors refuse proving Will.

—— Talbot. The Person who has the Will, lives near Wexford; all matters in dispute are wanted to be left to arbitration, without proving Will.

James Doyle, late of Ballyrobuck. Will refused to be proved.

James Breen, of the Dirr. Will not proved.

Thomas Doyle, of Ballyroane. The like.

Mat. Kavanagh, near Taghmon. Will refused to be proved.

Elinor Murphy, of Ballynaskane. Will lodged, but refused to be proved.

Robert Edwards, late of Crory. One of the Executors has renounced; refused to be proved; Will lodged.

Kingston Gore, late of Duncormuck. Will lodged, refused to be proved.

Edward Joyce, late of Ross. The two Citations have been served, yet the Executrix refuses to prove Will.

Judith Cullen, alias Bulger. Will refused to be proved.

William Kelly, late of Ballygrangans. Will lodged, but refused to be proved.

Peter Summers. Will lodged, but refused to be proved.

William Boyce, senior, late of Raheendarrigg. Will refused to be proved.

—— Devereux, late of Shilmain. Richard Devereux, of Wexford, Merchant, owed him 200*l.*; this affair settled without proving Will.

Jasper Stafford, late of Wexford. No Will proved or Administration taken out.

James Nevill, late of Ballyvergin. Executors refuse to prove same without the direction of a certain Attorney.

Two Wills, one of —— Reeves; the other, of one —— Wilkinson. Were both permitted at last March Assizes to be produced, and to get one Witness to prove one. The other, of Wilkinson's, was attempted, but it could not be proved he was dead; and though it was for the recovery of Property, the Judge permitted the Cause to go on without either being proved.

James Murphy, late of Danes Castle. The Stamp on this was to be 35*l.* Eng., which when known, though the person was sworn, yet afterwards refused to prove the Will. Will lodged.

Thomas Gordon, late of Wexford, Revenue Officer. Charles Scanlan, Hearth Collector, Executor; who has not proved the Will, though he has acted under it.

There are several other Wills not come to my knowledge.

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An Account of the Number of Parishes, of every description or denomination, within the Diocese of Ferns.

The Deanry of Ferns consists of - - - Gorey, otherwise Christ Church, Newborough, otherwise Kilmakelogue, a Rectory; Maglass, a Rectory; Kilkevan, otherwise Limerick, the like; Kilmohue, otherwise Lamogue, the like: - - - The Reverend Peter Brown, Dean.—Four Parishes: A real Union from time immemorial.

The Chantership of Ferns is - - - Templeshanbo, a Rectory and Vicarage: - - The Rev. Henry Wynne, Chanter.—One Parish.

Out of which, there has been lately taken a perpetual Cure, called the Parish of Monart: - - - The Reverend Thomas Harpur, perpetual Curate.—One Parish, lately made.

The Chancellorship of Ferns consists of - Tacumshane, a Rectory and Vicarage; Rosslare, the like; Kilscroran, a Rectory: - - - The Reverend Henry Bate Dudley, Chancellor.—Seven Parishes.

Ballymore, a Rectory; Killclane, the like; Kilrane, a Vicarage; St. Margaret's, an Imp. Cure.—A real Union from time immemorial.

The Treasurership of Ferns consists of - - - Ballycommoo, a Rectory; Monimolin, the like; Leskinfore, alias Clough, the like; Kilrisk, the like: - - - Reverend Wensley Bond, Treasurer.—Four Parishes: United by Act of Council, 19th January 1739.

The Archdeaconry of Ferns consists of - Adamstown, a Rectory; Newbawn, the like: - - Reverend Archdeacon Barton.—Two Parishes: which have been united from time immemorial, as the Corps of the Archdeaconry.

The Prebend of Kilrane has a Vicarage endowed, and is a Sinecure: - - - Reverend Thomas Goff, Prebendary.—One Parish: Already mentioned, in the Chancellorship, as a Vicarage.

The Prebend of Coolstuff is - - - Coolstuff, a Rectory: - - - Reverend Joseph Lendrum, Prebendary.—One Parish.

The Prebend of Feathard consists of - - - Feathard, a Rectory collative; Hooke, a Vicarage; Templetown, otherwise Kilclogan, an Imp. Cure: - - - Reverend John Kennedy, Prebendary.—Three Parishes: Episcopally united.

The Prebend of Edermine consists of - - - Edermine, a Rectory and Vicarage; Ballynaslaney, an Imp. Cure: - - - Reverend Henry St. Eloy, Prebendary.—Two Parishes: United by Act of Council, 25th March 1806.

The Prebend of Taghmon consists of - - - Taghmon, a Rectory; Ballyconnick, a Rectory collative; Ballymithy, an Imp. Cure: - Rev. Robert Hawkshaw, Prebendary.—Three Parishes: Episcopally united.

The Prebend of Kilrush is - - - Kilrush, a Rectory: - - - Rev. Geo. Rogers, Prebendary.—One Parish.

The Prebend of Tomb consists of - - - Tomb, a Rectory; Killcomb, the like; Rossmenogue, the like: - - - Reverend Roger Owen, Prebendary.—Three Parishes: United by Act of Council, 2d September 1720.

The Benefice of Kiltinell is - - - Kiltinell, otherwise Courtown, otherwise Kilbride, an entire Rectory Presentative: - - - Said Reverend Roger Owen, Rector.—One Parish.

The Prebend of Clone consists of - - - Clone, a Rectory; Kilbride, a Rectory collative; Ferns, a Vicarage: - - - Reverend Mark Charters, Prebendary.—Three Parishes. Kilbride and Ferns are united by Act of Council, 14th December 1776; Clone episcopally united, for this time only, to Ferns.

The Prebend of White Church and Kilmakea is - - White Church, a Rectory and Vicarage; Kilmakea, a Rectory: - - - Reverend Thomas Handcock, Prebendary.—Two Parishes: United by Act of Council, 9th October 1723.

The Prebend of Crosspatrick and Kilcomon is - - Crosspatrick, a Rectory; Kilcomon, the like; Braban, an Imp. Cure: - - - Reverend Richard Henry Symes, Prebendary.—Three Parishes: Crosspatrick and Kilcomon constitute the Prebend; Braban, episcopally united.

The Union of Wexford consists of - - - St. Patrick's Wexford, a Rectory; Drinagh, the like; Maudlintown, the like; Killilogue, the like; Ardcandrish, the like; Kildavin, the like; Rathaspeck, the like: - - Reverend John Elgee, Rector and Vicar: All these united by Act of Council, 22d June 1722, into one Parish, by the name of St. Patrick's Wexford.—St. Mary's, a Rectory and Vicarage; Ballybrennan, a Rectory; St. Aberins Wexford, St. Johns, St. Bridgets, St. Selkars, St. Tullogue, St. Peters, St. Michaels of Feagh, Carrigg, Imp. Cures. St. Mary's, Ballybrenan, and the Impropriate Cures, are episcopally united only to Wexford, the most of all being small, and some of them unproductive.—Seventeen Parishes in all these.

The Union of New Ross consists of - - - St. Mary's New Ross, a Vicarage; Old Ross, a Rectory; Carnagh, a Rectory; Tulleragh, the like; Ballyane, the like; Ballybrazil, a Vicarage; Clonleigh, a Rectory; Templeudigan, a Rectory; Kilscanlan, belongs to the Bishop's Mensals: - - - Reverend James Morgan, Rector and Vicar.—The Parishes of Old Ross, Carnagh, Tulleraght, Ballyane, Ballybrazil, Clonleigh, Templeudigan, and New Ross, erected into one Parish, by the name of the Parish of St. Mary's New Ross: Nine Parishes in all these.

The Benefice of Rossdroit is - - - Rossdroit, a Rectory: - - - - Reverend William Hinson, Rector.—One Parish.

The Benefice of Templescobin is - - - Templescobin, a Rectory: - - - Reverend Thomas Cranfield, Rector.—One Parish.

The Union of Killeguy consists of - - - Killeguy, an entire Rectory; Chappel, an Imperf'. Cure: - - Reverend James B. Gordon, Rector.—Two Parishes: Episcopally united.

The Benefice of Clonegall is - - - Clonegal, otherwise Moyacomb, an entire Rectory Presentative: - - Reverend John Browne, Rector.—One Parish.

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The Benefice of Kilnemanagh is - - - Kilnemanagh, an entire Rectory collative: - - - Reverend Andrew Mosse, Rector.—One Parish.

The Union of Ardcolme consists of - - - Ardcolme, an Impt. Cure; Artramont, a Rectory; St. Margarets otherwise Raven, the like; Tickillen, a Vicarage; Kilpatrick, an Impt. Cure; Ardcaven, the like; St. Nicholas, the like; Screen, the like; Ballyvalloo, the like:—Reverend Frederick Draffen, Rector, Vicar and Curate.—Nine Parishes: All united by Act of Council, 14th December 1764.

The Benefice of Kilcormuck is - - - Kilcormuck, an entire Rectory collative: - - - Reverend John Cowan, Rector.—One Parish.

The Union of Mulrankan consists of - - - Mulrankan, a Rectory and Vicarage collative; Kilmannand, the like; Killagg, the like; Kilcowan, a Vicarage: - - - Reverend Thomas Gore, Rector and Vicar.—Four Parishes: Episcopally united.

The Union of Tomhaggard consists of - - - Tomhaggard, a Rectory and Vicarage collative; Kilturk, a Vicarage; Kilmoore, the like: - - - Said Reverend Thomas Gore, Rector and Vicar.—Three Parishes: Episcopally united.

The Benefice of Carne is - - - Carne, a Rectory and Vicarage: - - - Reverend Richard Bevan, Rector and Vicar.—One Parish.

The Union of Killinick consists of - - - Killinick, a Rectory; Maglass, a Vicarage; St. Michael's, Ishartmon, St. Iberins, Kilmocree, Killiane, St. Mary's Island, Impt. Cures: - - - - Reverend B. Adams, Rector and Vicar.—Seven Parishes, besides Maglass, which is mentioned in the Deanry of Ferns: All Episcopally united to Killinick.

The Union of Kilkevan consists of - - - Kilkevan, a Rectory and Vicarage collative; Bannow, a Vicarage: - - - Reverend Jos. Miller, Rector and Vicar.—Two Parishes: Episcopally united.

The Union of Duncormuck consists of - - - Ambrosetown, a Rectory and Vicarage collative; Duncormuck, a Vicarage: - - Rev. Thos. Ott Moore, Rector and Vicar.—Two Parishes: United by Act of Council, 6th September 1808.

The Benefice of Killanne is - - - Killanne, a Rectory collative: - - - Reverend W. Eastwood, Rector.—One Parish.

The Union of Kilmalog consists of - - - Kilmalog, a Vicarage; Castle Ellis, Killesk, Killelly, Impropriate Cures: - - Reverend James Symes, Vicar.—Four Parishes: United by Act of Council, 27th April 1798.

The Union of Enniscorthy consists of - - - St. Mary's Enniscorthy, a Vicarage; St. John's, a Rectory entire; Ballyhuskard, the like; Templeshannon, the like; Clonmore, a Vicarage: - - - Reverend Richard Radcliffe, Rector and Vicar.—Five Parishes: All united by Act of Council, 26th October 1778.

The Benefice of Newtown Barry is - - - Newtown Barry, a Rectory and Vicarage: - - - Rev. Alex. M'Clintock, Rector and Vicar.—One Parish.

The Union of Killurin consists of - - - Killurin, a Vicarage; Kilbride Glin, Chapel Charon Glin, White Church Glin, Impropriate Cures; Ballyhogue, an Impropriate Cure, Episcopally united to Killurin: - - - Reverend Ab. Swan, Vicar and Curate.—Kilbride, Chapel Charon, and White Church Glin, united by Act of Council, 14 December 1776: Five Parishes.

The Benefice of Rathmacknee is - Rathmacknee, a Rectory and Vicarage: - - Rev. Francis Pentland, Vicar.—One Parish.

The Union of Horetown consists of - - - Horetown, a Rectory collative; Kilgarvan, an entire Rectory; Ballyingly, Downony, Rectories belonging to the See of Ferns; Ballylannan, an Impropriate Cure; Clongeen and Kilgowanmore, Impropriate Cures, presented to Incumbent by F. Leigh, Esq.: - - - Reverend Simon Little, Rector and Vicar.—Episcopally united: Seven Parishes.

The Union of Killesk consists of - - - Killesk, a Rectory and Vicarage consolidated; Dunbrody, Rathroe, St. James's, Impropriate Cures: - - - Reverend W. Glasscott, Rector and Vicar.—These three Impropriate Cures are only episcopally united to Killesk: Four Parishes.

The Benefice of Carnew is - - - Carneborough otherwise Carnew, a Rectory and Vicarage collative: Reverend Charles Cope, Rector and Vicar.—One Parish.

The Union of Ballyvalden consists of - - - Ballyvalden, a Vicarage; Kilmuckridge, Meillenagh, Impropriate Cures: - - Rev. Jemm. Parke, Vicar and Curate.—Episcopally united: Three Parishes.

The Union of Kilpipe consists of - - - Kilpipe, Killenor, Impropriate Cures: - - Rev. Ralph Cumine, Curate.—Episcopally united: Two Parishes.

The Union of Donaghmore consists of - - - - Donaghmore, Killancooley, Killenagh, Ardamine, Impropriate Cures: - - - Reverend Richard Gordon, Curate.—Episcopally united: Four Parishes.

The Union of Owenduff consists of - - - Owenduff, Kinneagh otherwise Tintern, Clonmines, Impropriate Cures: - - - Rev. W. Sutton, Curate.—Episcopally united: Three Parishes.

The total number of Parishes in the Diocese is 143.

Thos Bridson,
Regr.

201. CONSISTORY OF LEIGHLIN.

SIR,

I HAD the honour of your favour of the 18th September, and beg leave to inclose you Answers to the Queries, as is desired.

I have the honour to be, Sir, &c.

T. Gurly,
Register of Leighlin.

Wm Shaw Mason, Esquire,
&c. &c. &c.

201. Register of Leighlin.

(1.)—The Records in my possession, as Register of the Diocese of Leighlin, are—all Wills, of which probate has been granted, from the year 1690 to the present period; also, Administration Bonds, from the year 1751 to the present period; Marriage Licence Bonds, from the year 1702 to the present period. There does not appear any chasm in these Records.

(2.)—The Building in which said Records are lodged, consists of two Rooms, for which the Register pays Twelve Guineas per annum. Same is private property, and is as well secured as any private house from fire, &c.

(3.)—The Records are in a good state of Preservation, since the year 1792, at which time the present Register was appointed. Before that period, the Register always resided in Dublin, and appointed a Deputy. A number of the Records were lost, by the Office being kept near the river Barrow, in consequence of a great flood.

(4.)—There are not correct Catalogues or Indexes; same might be completed in about six months, would be of great utility, and might be done by the Register and his Clerk, without any other assistance. Every exertion has been made by his Grace the Archbishop of Dublin, when Bishop of this Diocese, to procure such Books and Records as could not be found, but without effect.

(5.)—The Register and his Clerk are employed in the arrangement of the Records; and attendance is given every day, except Sundays, from ten o'clock in the morning to four in the afternoon. All Salaries are paid by the Register, and not by the Public. A regular Table of Fees is hung up in the Office, for public inspection; and upon an average for these last three years, their net annual amount is about 120*l.*

(6.)—The Register and his Deputy only are intrusted with the care of the Records; and one of them attends for every Search, and takes care to restore each Record to its proper place: The name of the Office is, The Consistory of the Diocese of Leighlin.

(7.)—A Public Office would be of the greatest utility, as it would preserve the Records from fire, &c. and the Books and Papers would not be liable to be lost or misplaced by the death or removal of the Register.

Additional Quere.—The number of Parishes in the Diocese of Leighlin is 88. There are 14 Parishes episcopally united, viz. Grague united with Ullard; Lorum united with Kiltennell, Clonagoose, Slyguff, and Ballyellin; Carlow united to Killeshin; Staplestown united with Ballycrouge and Ballynacarrigg; Kilranelagh united with Killegan; Aghade and Ardristen united with Ballon and Gilbertstown; Hacketstown united with Haroldstown; Rathvilly united with Rathmore, Straboe, and Rathill; Aghold united with Mullinacuff, Crycrim, and Liscoleman; Stradbally united with Moyana, Tullowmoy, Kinclonbrooke, and Timahoe; Corclone united with Killeny; Maryborough united with Straboe and Kilcolemanbane; Ballyadams united with Ballintubbert; Tecolme united with Dysart, Enos, and Kiltail.—Dunleckny united by Act of Council with Augher.—Stradbally, Moyanna, and Tullowmoy, part of the Episcopal Union, united by Act of Council.—Baltinglass and Ballynure, held by the same Incumbent, by Dispensation.

The Parochial Registries were delivered to the Register, from the year 1782 to the present period: They are irregular, from the neglect of some of the Clergy, in not bringing, at the Visitation, the Returns required by the Archbishop of Dublin (when Bishop of this Diocese), who exerted himself to procure regular Returns. Such Registries as have been given to the Register are carefully kept and preserved.

T. Gurly,
Reg^r of the Diocese of Leighlin.

(9.) *Cashel Province.*

202. CONSISTORY OF LIMERICK, ARDFERT, AND AGHADOE.

ANSWERS to QUERIES addressed to the REGISTER of the Diocese of Limerick, Ardfert, and Aghadoe.

202. Register of Limerick, Ardfert & Aghadoe.

(1.)—THE several sorts of Public Records, &c. in custody of the Register of the Diocese of Limerick, &c. consist—of Visitation Books; of Prospects of the Diocese, and Lists of Parishes in it; of Wills, since 1660; of Books, containing Grants of Administrations and Probates of Wills, and Marriage Licences, since the year 1773; of Books, containing the Proceedings of the Consistorial Court, from 1677 to 1682, from 1712 to 1716, from 1740 to 1744, and regularly since 1785; of Presentations to Parishes, since 1674; of a Book,

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containing Leases and Glebe House Certificates, from 1678 to 1743; of Terriers since 1698; of Rolls, containing the Subscriptions of the Clergy to the Canons and Declarations, (as required by Law on several occasions) since 1742; of Books, containing the Registry of Titles to Benefices, Licences to Curates, and Certificates as to Glebe Houses, from 1673 to 1704, and from 1730 to the present day; of Bishops' Leases, from 1670 to the present day; of Copies of Parochial Registries, which have been very irregularly returned till within a few years back; latterly they have been obtained from most Parishes.

The earliest Record is entitled the "Liber Niger." It was written by Bishop Adams in 1616, from a Book which he states to have been then much defaced by age. It contains a List of all the Parishes in the Diocese, with their Procurations, Taxation, First Fruits, Twentieth Parts, Subsidies, and Patrons' Names. It is written on Parchment, and in good Preservation.—The next are, two Prospects of the Diocese; one on a Parchment Roll, dated 1679; the other entered in one of the folio Registry Books, about 1690; both containing much the same particulars as the Liber Niger.—The Visitation Books for Limerick commence in 1692; many since that are preserved, but there are also several wanting. Those for Ardfert and Aghadoe commence in 1692; many since that are preserved, but there are also several wanting.—There is a Copy of the Regal Visitation Book for the Diocese of Ardfert and Aghadoe in 1615.

(2.)—The Records are lodged in the Register's House, in a Room appropriated by him for the business of the Office; it is sufficiently secure, and is provided with proper Presses and Desks. The Building is private property.

(3.)—The Records are, in general, in good Preservation: they are arranged, the Wills alphabetically, the most of the other loose Papers in Drawers, in which they are classed so as that all of a similar description are to be found in the same Drawer.

(4.)—There are no complete or general Catalogues; but there are Lists, which the Register has occasionally made for his own convenience. I do not conceive that further Catalogues or Indexes would be of any great utility; any Paper now wanted can be had in a few minutes: neither can I calculate the time that it would require to make complete Catalogues or Indexes to the whole.

(5.)—There is one Clerk employed in the Office, who attends daily from ten till three o'clock; and who, with the Deputy Register, performs all the duties of the Office: there is no Salary paid to him by the Public. The Fee for a Search is 2 *s.* 6 *d.*; for a Copy of a Record, in proportion to its length; for attending with a Record, One Guinea. No account is kept of the Amount of such Fees: they are very trifling.

(6.)—The duties specified in the Queries, are all performed by the Deputy Register and his Clerk.

(7.)—The preceding Queries are so full and comprehensive, that I am unable to suggest any necessary or useful addition.

To the additional Quere.—Respecting the Names of Parishes, a separate Answer will be returned shortly.

L. W. Kiggell,
Deputy Register.

18th August 1812.

203. CONSISTORY OF WATERFORD.

ANSWERS to the QUERIES by the Commissioners of Public Records, directed to the REGISTER of Waterford.

203. Register of Waterford.

(1.)—AFTER a long and laborious search, through an immense heap of Papers, I find no Records whatever, but what relate to the common routine business of this Office; such as Clergymen's Titles to Livings; Resignations; Letters of Deacons, and Priests Orders; Licences of Cure, Licences of Schoolmasters and Parish Clerks, and Licences of Absences; Sequestrations and Relaxations: These are all entered chronologically in a folio book, on royal paper, to which there is an alphabetical Index annexed. There is also another large folio Book, kept in chronological order, of all Licences of Marriages; and the Bonds belonging to said Licences are also carefully preserved. There is also a third Book, for registering the Bishop's Leases, which are always regularly entered as often as he renews with any tenant. All Wills and Administrations are also entered in large folio books, and each volume has an alphabetical Index prefixed to it. All Wills and Administration Bonds are kept in large Presses, divided alphabetically. I know of no Wills older than the year 1663; all the others were destroyed by Cromwell, or the Irish rebels, during the Rebellion of 1641, and every other Record and Book belonging to said Office.

(2.)—All these are kept in the Register's House, in an Office which he has lately fitted up, as there is no public place for an Office; its security consists in iron bars, bolts, and good locks, the same as in every dwelling-house in this City; but its greatest safety is in the poverty of the Register, for as he has no Salary, and is only paid when he has a job to do, the cash generally goes out as fast as it comes in; he has therefore no apprehensions for the security of the Office. The altering and fitting up of this Office, last year, cost him Thirty Guineas.

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(3.)—They are in very good Preservation; the Parlour or Office is now a very warm and comfortable room, where there is a constant fire from Michaelmas to May. I imagine every Register must be anxious to keep them so, as the Copies of these Records are frequently called for, and are an essential part of his livelihood.

(4.)—This is answered in the first.—All our Catalogues, Indexes, Alphabets, &c. &c. are complete, and we want no assistance; our only complaint is, that we have not as much business as will keep the pot boiling comfortably.

(5.)—The whole Staff of Officers, Clerks, Tipstaves, Apparitors, &c. &c. &c. consist of the Register himself, for he, like Scrub in the Play, must do all: but if at any time there is a hurry, or sudden call for two or three things at the same time, the Register must apply to some one of the Proctors of the Court, and pay him for his assistance. The Office is open from seven in the morning till six in the evening, every day but Sunday; and if any one from the Country calls at after-hours, we never scruple to dispatch his business, without any charge for expedition. We are at all times glad to earn a penny. No Salaries whatever are paid by the Public, either to the Register or any other Person; if he has business enough to require it, he must employ a Clerk. The gross amount of the Emoluments of the Registry, for the three last years, is about 200 *l.* out of which I pay my Clerk 60 *l.* per annum. There is a Table of Fees published, and established by the Privy Council in the year 1662; it will be found in Robins's Abridgment of Ecclesiastical Laws, and in other books of that sort, to which we strictly adhere in this Office.

For an Answer to the additional Quere, I beg leave to refer to the printed Account published by Parliament, about two years ago; it took Bishop Trench and me, his Register, three months to make that Return complete; and I think it a clear, full, true, and perfect Account, in every particular: for all this additional trouble and expense, the Salary-less Register received no compensation.

George Fleury,
Archdeacon, and Register of Waterford.

P. S. There are many ancient Records in the Castle of Lismore, belonging to the Duke of Devonshire; and also in the Evidence Chamber, in Lord Ormonde's Castle at Kilkenny: they are often referred to in Smyth's History of Waterford.

Waterford, January 17, 1811.

Second P. S. After all our trouble in making the Return to Parliament, of the state of the different Dioceses, we never got even a printed Copy of the same; which certainly ought to be given, for the use of every Diocese in the Kingdom.

204. CONSISTORY OF CORK AND ROSS.

The REGISTER's ANSWERS to QUERIES directed by the Commissioners on Public Records in Ireland.

(1.)—THE several sorts of Records, Rolls, &c. in my custody, as Register of the Diocese of Cork and Ross, are—Original Wills and Testaments proved in the Consistorial Court of Cork and Ross, and Books containing Copies of such Wills and Testaments; Rolls, containing Oaths, Declarations, and Canons, subscribed by Persons beneficed, promoted, or employed, and subject to Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction within the said Dioceses; Counterparts of Leases of the See Lands of Cork and Ross; Books, containing the Acts of the Lords Bishops of Cork and Ross, their Vicars General, and Surrogates, as well in their voluntary as contentious jurisdiction; Libels, and other Pleadings and Papers exhibited in the said Consistorial Court; Books, containing the Acts of said Court. The oldest Book in this Office begins 1521, and ends 1612; from which time till 1682, there is no Registry Book containing the episcopal Acts of the Lords Bishops of these Dioceses; a chasm probably occasioned by the Rebellion, Civil War, &c.

(2.)—The said Records, &c. are kept in a private House in the city of Cork, in apartments to which no Persons can have access but the Register, by whom keys of such apartments are kept.

(3.)—Some of the said Papers are in a state of decay, from the damp of the apartments wherein they were formerly kept; and are arranged, for the most part, in alphabetical order, some of them according to their dates.

(4.)—The old Wills, down to the year 1751, are arranged in alphabetical order; and of those proved since, there are Indexes in the books into which they are transcribed. There are Indexes to the several Books of the Acts of the Bishops, &c. except the Court Books, Indexes to which would be of very little, if of any use. The only Indexes likely to prove useful (which are not already in this Office) are Indexes of the Parochial Returns of Births, Marriages, and Burials, herein-after mentioned; but as no reference has been made to these Returns in the course of seven years, during which I have been Register of these Dioceses, it is impossible for me to state the degree of utility which would result from, or the expense of, the making such Indexes. There is an Index of the old Wills before 1751, in the hands of Thomas Gregg, late Deputy Register of said Dioceses, which I conceive to be private property.

(5.)—I employ a writing Clerk merely to make such Copies of Papers, &c. as are occasionally required to be copied, but there is no Person employed regularly by me for the custody and arrangement of the said Records.

Records. I am occasionally assisted by my Brother. No other Person has access to said Records. I attend every day from about eleven to four o'clock, sometimes until five o'clock; and demand for each Search, Two Shillings and Eight Pence, and Three Shillings and Four Pence for each Certificate, and for the Copy of each Record according to its length and the charge made in the Court of Chancery: But the annual amount of such Fees it is impossible to state, I never having kept any account whatever of the Emoluments of my said office of Register.

(6.)—I do in person attend upon every Search, and restore such Record or Paper, as may be examined, to its proper place.

(7.)—Arranging the old Court Papers may be of use, by facilitating the consulting them as Precedents. But the matter most to be desired, is the providing of some Building wherein these Records, Books and Papers, should be placed and arranged, there to remain for ever, and not to be removed, as they now may be, at the pleasure of the Register for the time being or his Deputy; but I apprehend that an Act of Parliament, prohibiting such removal of those Records, after such arrangement, except for the purpose of proving them in a Court of Justice, would be requisite.

Additional Quere.—A Return of the Number and Names of Parishes, &c. within these Dioceses, would lengthen these Anwers greatly beyond what the Commissioners, it is presumed, would wish, and is the less necessary, as such a Return has been recently made to the Lord Lieutenant, and has since been printed.—I cannot state, or by any means within my power find out, whether Registers have been regularly kept in said Parishes. Copies of Parish Registries are in most instances transmitted to the Registry of these Dioceses, but not regularly; the transmitting such Copies appears to have commenced about . Such Copies as have been transmitted are preserved in the Registry, but have not been arranged, having never within my experience been consulted; I cannot therefore state particular instances wherein they are defective, without devoting to the arranging of them such a portion of my time as would interrupt the common duties of my office. The causes of the defects of such transcripts of Parish Registries, I believe to be the negligence of Clergymen and Churchwardens, and their ignorance of the Law; but in order to render these Transcripts useful, it would be necessary to make them Evidence where the original Registry is lost or destroyed: perhaps they now are in such case evidence.

Henry Joseph Heard,
Register of Cork and Ross.

205. CONSISTORY OF CLOYNE.

ANSWERS to the several QUERIES transmitted by order of the Commissioners on the Public Records in Ireland, to be answered by the REGISTER of Cloyne.

(1.)—THE several sorts of Public Records in the Registry Office of Cloyne, consist of—Wills; Administration Bonds; Renunciations; Inventories; Grants of Glebes, Churches and Churchyards; Marriage Bonds; Proceedings in the Consistory Court; Visitation Books; Rolls, containing the usual Entries made at granting Institution, Licences of Cure, Priests' and Deacons' Orders, and Licences to Parish Clerks and Schoolmasters; Counterparts of Bishops and Chapter Leases; Chapter Books, containing Entries of the Acts and Minutes of Chapter; Books, in which all Presentations, Titles, Commissions, Memorials and Estimates for building, and all sorts of Proceedings under the Episcopal or Consistorial Seal, are entered. Previous to the year 1710 there appear some deficiencies, which the Deputy Register cannot account for; from 1710 to the present the Records are tolerably correct.

(2.)—The present Registry Office is a very small room in the Deputy Register's Dwelling-house, and in which the Office business has been done since the year 1710, the period when James Hanning (the present Register's father, and Deputy Register's grandfather) was appointed, down to the year 1790: In that year, the present Register being afflicted with a paralytic attack, and unable to speak, a Deputy was appointed by the then Bishop of Cloyne, who removed all the Papers, &c. &c. from the old Office to his own Dwelling-house. On his resignation in 1804, the Papers, Records, &c. &c. as received by the present Deputy, were reinstated in the old Office. The House, which is upwards of a century built, is very small, and in every respect an unfit, inconvenient and improper place for a public Office, not being one-fourth part of the size necessary for presses and shelves, and such accommodation as the safe keeping of such a quantity of Public Records would require; nor is it to be expected that the Deputy Register could give up any other room in his house for the purpose.

(3.)—The Records, &c. are in a good state of Preservation, but not in the state of regularity the Deputy Register wishes; there not being accommodation to allow it. The Wills, indeed, and Adminstration Bonds and Papers, are in a very tolerable state of regularity.

(4.)—The Deputy Register never got, or heard of, any Catalogue or Index from his predecessor. Ease and expedition in making Searches, would be the benefit derived by the Public and the Register, from having the Records, Papers, &c. regularly indexed, and arranged in alphabetical order on shelves or in presses, divided with tills for that purpose. Proper accommodation being given, the Deputy Register and one Clerk would complete the arrangement in two months.

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(5.)—The Deputy Register is the only Officer employed in the custody of the Office: his Duty, general attendance every day in the year, if wanting, from ten in the forenoon till eight at night; if at home, no specific hours of attendance. Fees for each Search, 2*s.* 6*d.*; and for a Copy, 6*s.* 8*d.* for every 880 words. An occasional copying Clerk, at Ten Guineas a-year, without Fees from the Public. The Average of the three best years the Deputy Register has had since 1804, was 127*l.* No rise in the Fees since the Synod in 1635; and the Stamp Duty so extremely high, that it is very probable the receipts of the Office will not increase.

(6.)—The Deputy Register, being the only Person intrusted with the care of the Office, attends to the safe keeping and regularity of the Records, as far as circumstances will permit.

(7.)—To render the Office useful and convenient to the Register and the Public at large, it is incumbent on the Bishop to have a suitable Office built immediately, which should be vaulted, and secure from fire, dampness, &c. and a Fund established for a constant supply of Fuel, and Salary for a Clerk; the Office in itself not being adequate to the expense of either. The Deputy Register humbly submits to the consideration of the Board, that the Register (as has been stated) is afflicted with a paralytic attack since the year 1790; in 1803 he went to Aix-la-Chapelle for the benefit of his health, where he has been kept a prisoner ever since; is now a very old man, and were he to die, and the Bishop to appoint any other successor than the present Deputy, there is not a single place of safety to be had in Cloyne or the neighbourhood, to deposit the Registry Papers in, if removed from the present Office. In short, there can be no regularity or accommodation in the conduct of the Registry business, until a proper Office is provided.

Additional Quere.—There are 132 Parishes, of every description, in the Diocese of Cloyne.—Eighteen Perpetual Unions by the Crown and Council, viz. The Collegiate Church of Youghall to the See of Cloyne; Union of Aghada, held in commendam with the See; the Corps of, the Deanry, Chantership, Chancellorship, Treasurership, Archdeaconry; the Union of Ahultie, Inniscarra, Castlemartyr, Kilcoleman, Glanore, Bothon, Garrycloyne, Ballynol, Lyhtermurrough, Macrony, and Fermoy.—Twelve Episcopal Unions, viz. Union of Shandrum, Castletown, Wallstown, Kilbrin, Moygeely, Ballyclough, Knockmourne, Ahern, Nathlash, Clonmeen, Kilbolane, and Carrigtohil.

The Rural Deans report, that Registries are now regularly kept in all Parishes having Churches; at the Annual Visitation, the Clergy bring Abstracts of the Entries made in their Books, of all Births, Deaths and Marriages, since the preceding Visitation, which are always safely put up by the Register. Any deficiency in the Records can only be accounted for by the removal of the Papers.

John Lawless,
Deputy Register, Diocese of Cloyne.

206. CONSISTORY OF KILLALOE AND KILFENORA.

The ANSWER of the Reverend Richard Martin, Clerk, Notary Public, REGISTER of the Dioceses of Killaloe and Kilfenora, to the several QUERIES proposed by the Commissioners on the Public Records in Ireland.

(1.)—THE Public Records in my custody consist of—seven Manuscript Books, one Roll, Wills, Leases, Visitation Books, Proceedings in the Consistorial Court, &c. &c. One Book, in which Titles to Benefices, Wills, Leases, &c. are registered, commences 18th of May 1668; a second Book, in which the same as above are registered, commences the 18th of December 1700; a third Book, in which the Oaths, Declarations, and Canons, are written, used in place of a Roll, commences the 10th of May 1707, and ends the 20th of June 1804, and from that time to the present period a Roll has been used; a fourth Book, for registering Leases, &c. commences the 1st of November 1774; a fifth, for registering Titles to Benefices, commences the 26th September 1775; a sixth, for registering Wills and Probates, commences the 29th of April 1791; a seventh, for registering Administration to Intestates Goods, &c. commences 26th January 1791. I have been informed the Registry of Killaloe was burned in Cromwell's time. There are no chasms in the Registry of the Diocese of Killaloe, from the year 1668, which can be now repaired. I have heard that some Records, belonging to the Diocese of Kilfenora, are kept in the Registry of Clonfert and in the Registry of Tuam, to each of which Dioceses it was united at different times before it was annexed to Killaloe.

(2.)—The Records, &c. are lodged in the Dwelling-house of the Surrogate, which is a secure and convenient place for keeping. The house is the private property of the Surrogate.

(3.)—The Records, &c. are in a good state of Preservation; and the Wills, Bonds, &c. are placed in alphabetical order.

(4.)—There are no Catalogues, Calendars, Schedules, or particular Indexes, to each sort of the Records; nor is it necessary, as by the judicious arrangement of my Predecessor in the Office, any thing searched for can be found in a very short time; nor do I believe there was any Index, &c. in the Office from the year 1668.

(5.)—A Clerk is employed by me for arranging the Records, under my own inspection, who is on oath to preserve them; and attends from ten in the forenoon till four in the afternoon, except on Sundays. This

APPENDIX.

Ecclesiastical Courts: Cashel Province.

206. Register of Killaloe & Kilfenora.

Clerk is paid by me, though my Income from the Registry is very small, and not by the Public, an annual Salary. There is demanded for every Search in the Office, two shillings and sixpence; for every Certificate, three shillings and four-pence; for a Copy of a Record, if short, three shillings and four-pence; if above ten office sheets, six shillings and eight-pence; and if longer, sixpence for every office sheet containing six words to the line and fifteen lines to the sheet.

(6.)—There is a Person, the Clerk mentioned in the foregoing Quere, intrusted with the care of the said Records, under my own inspection, who attends on every Search, and takes care to restore every Record, &c. to its proper place in the Registry.

(7.)—There are no Matters, which are not comprised in the above Questions, necessary to make observations on, as there are no Searches made in this Office, except for Wills or Administrations to Intestate Goods.

Additional Quere.—There are one hundred and sixteen Parishes, of every description, within the Diocese of Killaloe, five of which Parishes are Rectories entire and impropriate, and twenty-four Rectories only impropriate, with the Vicarages endowed: and nineteen in the Diocese of Kilfenora, two of which are entire Rectories and impropriate. There are forty-one Unions in the Diocese of Killaloe, twenty-eight of which are Episcopal Unions, and thirteen of them are Real Unions. A list of the Parishes in each, follows:

No. 1. The Deanry of the Cathedral Church of Saint Flannan Killaloe—to which belong, as the Corps thereof, Ballyneclough, Vic. Rect. imp.; Terryglass, Vic. Rect. app.; Kilkeary, Rectory entire; Dromineer, the like.

No. 2. The Chantership—to which belong, as the Corps thereof, Lateragh, Rectory entire; Innisdatrom, Rectory and Vicarage: With which is held, by a separate Title, Monsea, Rect. Vic. endowed.

No. 3. The Chancellorship—to which belong, as the Corps thereof, Toomevara, otherwise Templedowney, Rectory entire: With which are held, episcopally united by the name of Ballymackey, Ballymackey Rectory; Aghnameadle, Rectory and Vicarage; Ballygibbon, the like; Kilderrydadrom, the like.

No. 4. The Treasurership—to which belongs, as the Corps thereof, Dromline, Vic. Rect. app.: With which are held, really united by the name of Kilnasoologh, Kilnasoologh, Vic. Rect. app.; Kilmalure, the like.

No. 5. The Archdeaconry—to which belongs, as the Corps thereof, Aghlishcloghane, Vicarage: With which are held, really united by the name of the Union of Lorrha, Aghlishcloghane, Rectory; Lorrha, Rectory and Vicarage; Bonahan, the like; Dorrha, the like.

No. 6. Killaloe, Rect. ent.; Donamona, the like; Moynoe, Rect. and Vic. end.; Clonrush, the like; Ogonilloe, half Rect. and Vic. end.; Feakle, Vic. Rect. app. Economy of Killaloe.

No. 7. Prebend of Tomgrany—to which, as the Corps thereof, Tomgrany, Rect. entire; Kilballyhone, one third of Rect. Vic. end.

No. 8. Kiltenanlea or Doonass, Rect. and Vicarage; Kilokennedy, Vic. Rect. app.; episcopally united by the name of the Union of Doonass: With which is held, by a separate Title, Prebend of Lockeen; to which belongs, as the Corps thereof, Lockeen, Rect. Vic. endowed.

No. 9. Prebend of Clondagad—to which belongs, as the Corps thereof, Clondagad, part of the Rect.; with which is held, Clondagad, Vic. part of the Rect. impropriate.

No. 10. Prebend of Dysert—to which belongs, as the Corps thereof, part of the Tithes of two denominations in the Parish of Kilneboy: With which are held, episcopally united by the name of the Union of Kilneboy, Kilneboy, Rectory and Vicarage; Kilkeedy, the like; Dysert, Vic. Rect. app.; Rath, the like; Inchicronane, Vic. Rect. imp.

No. 11. Prebend of Tulloh—to which belong, as the Corps thereof, the Rectorial Tithes of some denominations in said Parish and elsewhere; with which is held, Tulloh, Vic. half Rect. app.

No. 12. Prebend of Inniscathrie—to which belong, as the Corps thereof, Kilrush, Vic. Rect. app.; Kilfieragh, Rect.: With which are held, episcopally united by the name of the Union of Kilfieragh, Kilfieragh, Vicarage; Kilballyhone, Vic. part of Rect. imp.; Moyfarta, Vic. Rect. imp.; Killard, the like.

No. 13. Prebend of Rath—to which belongs, as the Corps thereof, some portion of Tithes in the Parish of Rath: With which are held, episcopally united, Rath, Rec. Vic. end.; Dysert, the like.

No. 14. Inniscalthra, Vic. Rect. imp.; Moynoe, Vic. Rect. app.; Clonrush, the like: Episcopally united by the name of the Union of Inniscalthra.

No. 15. Ogonilloe, Vic. Rect. app.

No. 16. Dromcliffe, Rect. Vic. end.; Kilnemona, the like; Kilmaly, the like: Episcopally united by the name of Dromcliffe.

No. 17. Dromcliffe, Vic. Rect. app.; Kilmaly, the like; Kilnemona, the like; Templemaly, the like; Kilraghtis, the like: Episcopally united by the name of the Union of Dromcliffe.

No. 18. Traddery Rectory, containing Tomfinlogh, Rect. Vic. endowed; Kilnasoologh, the like; Kilconry, the like; Kilmaleere, the like; Clonloghan, the like; Dromline, the like; Finogh, the like; Bunratty, the like: Episcopally united by the name of the Union of Traddery: With which is held, by a separate Title, Kilrush, Rect. Vic. endowed.

No. 19. Ogashin, Rect. containing Quin, Rect. Vic. endowed; Clonie, the like; Dowrie, the like; Kilraghtis, the like; Templemaly, the like; Kilmurrynegaul, the like; Tolloh, half Rect. Vic. end.: Episcopally united by the name of the Union of Ogashin.

No. 20. Omullud, Rect. containing Clonlea, Rect. Vic. endowed; Kilfinaghty, the like; Kilseily, the like; Kullurane, the like; Killokennedy, the like; Kilnoe, the like; Feakle, the like; Ogonilloe, half Rect. Vic. end.: Episcopally united by the name of Union of Omullud.

No. 21. Kilfarboy, Rect. Vic. end.; Kilchrist, Vic. Rect.

Rect. imp.; Killadysert, the like: Episcopally united by the name of the Union of Killadysert.

No. 22. Kilseily, Vic. Rect. app.; Killurane, the like; Kilcorry, the like; Clonlea, the like; Kilnoe, the like; Kilfinaghty, the like; Tomfinlogh, the like; Clonloghan, the like; Bunratty, the like; Finogh, the like; Kilmurrynegaul, the like: Episcopally united by the name of the Union of Kilseily and Kilfinaghty.

No. 23. Kilmurry-Clandralaw, Vic. Rect. imp.; Killofin, the like; Kilmacduane, the like; Kilfedane, the like; Killeymur, the like: Episcopally united by the name of the Union of Kilmurry Clandralaw.

No. 24. Quin, Vic. Rect. app.; Clonie, the like; Dowrie, the like: Episcopally united by the name of the Union of Quin.

No. 25. Stradbally, or Castleconnell, Rect. and Vic.; Kilnegarruff, the like: Episcopally united by the name of the Union of Castleconnell.

No. 26. Kilfarboy, Vic. half Rect. imp. and half Rect. app.; Kilmihill, Vic. Rect. imp.: Episcopally united by the name of the Union of Kilfarboy.

No. 27. Aghancon, Rect. and Vic.

No. 28. Birr, Rect. and Vic.; Kilcoleman, Rect. Vic. end.; Lockeen, Vic. Rect. app.: Episcopally united by the name of the Union of Birr.

No. 29. Castletownarra, Rect. and Vic.; Youghalarra, the like; Burgessbegg, the like: Episcopally united by the name of the Union of Castletownarra.

No. 30. Finnoe, Rect. and Vic.; Cloghprior, the like; Kilbarron, Vic. Rect. imp.: Episcopally united by the name of the Union of Finnoe.

No. 31. Bourchin, or Bourney, Vic. Rect. imp.; Burresnafarney, Rect. and Vic.: Real Union, by the name of the Union of Bourney.

No. 32. Shinrone, Rect. and Vic.; Kilmurry Ely, the like: Real Union, by the name of the Union of Shinrone.—Kilcomin, Rect. ent. episcopally united to the above.

No. 33. Dunkerrine, Rect. and Vic.; Castletown Ely, the like; Rathnaveoge, the like; Finglass, Rect. ent.: Real Union, by the name of the Union of Dunkerrine.

No. 34. Templeharry, Rect. and Vic.; Cullenwayne, the like: Episcopally united by the name of the Union of Templeharry.

No. 35. Kilruane, Rect. and Vic.; Terryglass, Rect. Vic. end.: Episcopally united by the name of the Union of Kilruane.

No. 36. Burresokeane, Rect. and Vic.

No. 37. Modreeny, Rect. and Vic.; Ardcrony, Vic. Rect. app.: Episcopally united by the name of the Union of Modreeny.

No. 38. Ballingarry, Vic. Rect. imp.; Uskeane, the like: Episcopally united by the name of the Union of Ballingarry.

No. 39. Kilmore, Vic. Rect. app.; Lisbunny, Rect. and Vic.; Kilnaneave, the like: Episcopally united by the name of the Union of Kilmore.

No. 40. Templederry, Rect. and Vic.

No. 41. Monsea, Vic. Rect. app.; Killodiernan, Rect. and Vic.: Episcopally united by the name of the Union of Monsea.

No. 42. Nenagh, Rect. and Vic.; Knigh, the like: Real Union, by the name of the Union of Nenagh.

No. 43. Kinnitty, half Rect. and Vic. half Rect. imp.; Litterluna, the like; Roscomroe, Vic. Rect. imp.: Real Union, by the name of the Union of Kinnitty.

No. 44. Roscrea, Rect. and Vic.; Clonfertmulloe, or Kyle, the like; Kilcoleman, Vic. Rect. app.; Ettagh, Rect. and Vic.: Episcopally united by the name of the Union of Roscrea.

Diocese of Kilfenora.

No. 1. The Deanry of the Cathedral Church of Saint Fecknane Kilfenora,—to which belong, as the Corps thereof, Kilfenora Rect. and Vic; Kiltoraght, Rect. Vic. end.; Cloney, the like.

No. 2. The Chantership—to which belong, as the Corps thereof, Noughaval, Rect. and Vic.; Carrune, Vic. Rect. app.

No. 3. The Chancellorship—to which belong, as the Corps thereof, Kilcorny, Rect. and Vic.; Kilhenny, the like; Oughtmamanna, the like.

No. 4. The Treasurership—to which belong, as the Corps thereof, Dromcrehy, Rect.; Glaninagh, Rect.: With which are held, episcopally united by the name of the Union of Rathbourney, Dromcrehy, Vic.; Glaninagh, the like; Rathbourney, Rect. and Vic.; Kilonoghan, the like.

No. 5. The Archdeaconry—to which belong, as the Corps thereof, Kilmacrehy, Rect.; Kilmanaheen, the like; Kilaspughenane, the like: With which are held, by a separate Title, the Real Union of Kilmanaheen; Kilmanaheen, Vic.; Kilaspughenane, the like; Kilmacrehy, the like; Killeilagh, the like; Kilmoon, the like: With which are also held, by a separate Title, Killeilagh, Rect.; Kilmoon, Rect.; Carrune, Rect.

No. 6. Kiltoraght, Vic. Rect. app.; Clouny, the like: Episcopally united by the name of the Union of Kiltoraght.

Two Episcopal and five Real Unions, in the Diocese of Kilfenora.

I cannot affirm whether Registries of the Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, are regularly kept in all or any of the above Parishes or Unions, according to the Canons, as attested Copies of Baptisms, &c. have not been regulary transmitted by the Incumbents to the Registry. Such as have come in are regularly kept, and are in good Preservation. Those in the Registry commence in 1707; from that period to the present they are very few in number, and do not deserve the name of a Registry, through the neglect of the Incumbents.

Richard Martin,
Register.

(10.) *Tuam Province.*

207. CONSISTORY OF CLONFERT AND KILMACDUAGH.

In obedience to the Order of the Right Honourable the Commissioners on the Public Records of Ireland, I Robert Blake, REGISTER of the Diocese of Clonfert and Kilmacduagh, humbly certify as follows:

207. Register of Clonfert & Kilmacduagh.

(1.)—THERE is a large Book, commencing the 11th August 1724, wherein are written all Leases belonging and appertaining to the Dioceses of Clonfert and Kilmacduagh; as also, all Institutions to Benefices, Ordinations, Presentations, Wills, and Administrations. The Indexes not complete.

(2.)—The Office is kept in a Room, in the town of Loughrea, in the Diocese of Clonfert and Kilmacduagh, and County of Galway, for which the Register pays 25*l.* per annum. The Records are secure.

(3.)—The Records are in a tolerable state of Preservation: they are alphabetically arranged. There is a fire constantly kept in the room in the Winter and Spring months.

(4.)—There are not complete or correct general Catalogues, Calendars, Schedules, Repertories, or Indexes. The late Register, Mr. Rowan, died at the advanced age of ninety-seven: he kept no regular Registry for the last thirty years previous to his decease; of course the Records suffered materially. With ordinary diligence, the Records would be complete in two months, or thereabouts.

(5.)—The Register attends the Office every day, except Sunday, from ten in the forenoon till four in the afternoon. There is no Deputy employed. Charges for Searches and Copies are according to the length and trouble: an ordinary Search is charged 2*s.* 6*d.* The Income of the Office only produces 100*l.* per annum. It has suffered since the Union.

(6.)—The Records are not intrusted to any Person. The Register always attends the Office.

(7.)—If the Records were deposited in a Public Office kept for the purpose, they would be much safer, and more convenient to the Public.

To the additional Quere.—There are thirty-eight Parishes in the Diocese of Clonfert, two of which are united by Act of Council, viz. Ballymacward and Clonkeen: the other thirty-six Parishes are divided into ten separate Benefices, Episcopally united. There are twenty-one Parishes in the Diocese of Kilmacduagh, seven of which are united by Act of Council, viz. Killmane, Killogerrill, Kilcrieste, Iserkelly, Killoran, Kiltomas, and Killora: the other Parishes are divided into two Benefices, Episcopally united; excepting the Corps of the Deanry of Kilmacduagh, which is composed of the Parishes of Kilmacduagh, Killarton, and Kilveacanty, which are also united by Act of Council.

The Lord Bishop of Clonfert has peremptorily ordered, at his Visitations, that the Rectors, Vicars, and Curates, should deposit with the Register of the Diocese, Copies of the Registries of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials; which has not been attended to.

Examined, *Robert Blake,*
Register Clonfert and Kilmacduagh.

1811.

208. CONSISTORY OF KILLALA AND ACHONRY.

To the QUERIES directed by the Commissioners on the Public Records in Ireland, in their Letter of 18th September 1810, the REGISTER of the Dioceses of Killala and Achonry returns the following ANSWERS.

208. Register of Killala & Achonry.

(1.)—THE Records consist of—Leases; Maps of See Lands and Glebes; some old Papers relating to Rights and Claims of the See; Wills; Entries of Letters of Orders; Titles to Ecclesiastical Benefices; Resignations; Curates' and Marriage Licences, &c. &c. There are also three Rolls of Subscriptions to the Canons and Declarations; the Proceedings had in the Consistorial Court, &c. &c. &c.—Of the Leases, very few are of Record previous to the year 1798: the Books of the Office, however, contain Copies of Leases, beginning in 1725, and ending in 1780. There appears to be a chasm of ten years, from this last period to the year 1800, when the registering of Leases was began again.—The Maps of the See Lands and Glebes appear to be tolerably perfect: the greater number of them were made between the years 1718 and 1728.—The Wills are in number about 350: they commence in the year 1698, and are entered into the Registry Books down to 1777 only. There are about 160 not entered into the Registry Books.—Entries of Letters of Orders, Titles to Benefices, Resignations, Curates' Licences, &c. commence in 1695, and are carried down to 1783; when a chasm of nine years occurs to 1792, at which time such Entries were began again.—Entries of Marriage Licences commence in 1752, and are carried down to 1792; when a chasm of eight years occurs to 1800, at which time such Entries were began again.—The most ancient of the three Rolls of Subscriptions to the Canons and Declarations commences in 1727; the last is carried down to the present time: but in one of them there appears a chasm of twenty years, from 1761 to 1781.—As to Proceedings had in the Consistorial Court, the most ancient commences in 1756. There are few instances in which they are perfect.

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The Records in this Office are very few; the chasms and deficiencies are numerous and various; the cause whereof may in a great measure be attributed to the Rebellion of 1798, when, I am informed, the house in which the Records were kept, in the town of Ardnaree, was broken open, and the Books and Papers thrown into the street, where very many of them were destroyed.

(2.)—The Records are kept in an Apartment in the Register's Dwelling-house, which is secured by shutters and an iron bar, in the same manner as every other apartment in the said house. The Records are kept in mahogany Presses; and the Building is the Register's own private property.

(3.)—Many of the Records are in a very indifferent state of Preservation, mutilated, and worn, and damaged by being trodden under foot in the Rebellion of 1798; and probably owing, also, to there being no fixed place for the preservation of them; in consequence of which, they have been continually moved from one house to another in various parts of the Dioceses. The Records are arranged by the side of each other, and each parcel labelled.

(4.)—There are neither Catalogues, Calendars, Schedules, or Repertories, but there are Indexes to every Book. There are several Records, such as Wills, &c. not entered at length into the Books; if they were, much utility, in the Register's opinion, would result from thence, as there would not be a necessity to refer, upon all occasions, to the original Records. Six months, probably, might be sufficient, with the assistance of a Clerk, to complete what remains to be done in this Office.

(5.)—There are no Officers or Clerks employed in the custody and arrangement of the Records. The Register attends at all hours, from ten in the morning until night. He receives neither Salary, Allowance, nor Emolument, from the Public, in respect of such custody, &c. The Register demands a Fee of 2*s.* 6*d.* for each Search; 3*s.* 4*d.* for every Certificate; and from 3*s.* 4*d.* to 20*s.* for the Copy of a Record, according to the length thereof. When the Register is subpœnaed to attend the Assizes, or a Commission, &c. with any Record of his Office, he charges one or two guineas per day, according to the distance he has to travel. The Register is unable to state what the annual Amount of such Charges may be, not having kept an exact account thereof; but they probably do not exceed five or six pounds per annum.

(6.)—At present there is no other Person but the Register intrusted with the care of the Records, &c.

(7.)—To this Quere the Register would suggest the expediency of there being an Office or House erected for the preservation of the Records, and to which the Public might have access. The want of such a Building is a very serious inconvenience, as well to the Register as to the Public. The Register deems it unnecessary to enlarge upon this topic, the inconveniencies arising from Public Records being kept in a private house being so obvious. The Register conceives there ought to be a Room at least twenty feet long and sixteen wide, with Presses for the preservation of the Records; and an adjoining Writing Office, of about the same dimensions, into which the Public might be admitted: if to these were added Apartments for the residence of the Register or his Deputy, the Records would be rendered more secure.

Additional Quere.—There are fifty-two Parishes with Cure of Souls, two Archdeaconries, two Precentorships, and eight Prebends without Cure of Souls, within the United Dioceses of Killala and Achonry.

The Deanry of Killala is consolidated. There are four Episcopal Unions in the Diocese of Killala; viz. First, The Union of Ardah, consisting of the Parishes of Ardah, Ballinahaglish, Kilbelfadd, Kilmoremoy, Attymass and Kilgarvey. Second, The Union of Lackan, consisting of the Parishes of Lackan, Templemurry, Kilcummin, Kilbreedy, and Dunfeeny. Third, The Union of Kilmore, Irris, and Killcommon, consisting of said two Parishes. Fourth, The Union of Kilmacshalgan and Templeboy, consisting of said two Parishes.—There are three Unions by Act of Council in the Diocese of Killala; viz. First, The Union of Ballisakerry and Rathrea, consisting of said two Parishes. Second, The Union of Crossmolina, consisting of the Parishes of Crossmolina, Addergool, Kilfyan, and Moygaunagh. Third, The Union of Castleconnor and Kilglass, consisting of said two Parishes.

The Deanry of Achonry is consolidated. There are five Episcopal Unions in the Diocese of Achonry; viz. First, The Union of Killoran and Kilvarnet, consisting of said two Parishes. Second, The Union of Killaraght, consisting of the Parishes of Killaraght, Kilfree, and Kilshalvey. Third, The Union of Castlemore, consisting of the Parishes of Castlemore, Kilcoleman, and Kilmovee. Fourth, The Union of Streade, consisting of the Parishes of Streade or Templemore, Bucholla, Townmore, Killasser, and Killedan. Fifth, The Union of Killconduff, consisting of Killconduff, Meelick, and Kilbeagh.—There is one Union by Act of Council in the Diocese of Achonry; viz. The Union of Emlyfadd, consisting of the Parishes of Emlyfadd, Kilmorgan, Kiltora, Townmore, and Drumratt.

William Palmer,
Register of Killala and Achonry.

Appendix.
Cathedrals.

IV. Cathedrals.

209. ARMAGH.

[*See Return from College of Armagh.*]

210. CLOGHER.

Answers of William Mitchell, Deputy Register of the Diocese of Clogher.

210. Library and Archives of Clogher.

ON Search being made in the Cathedral Library in the Palace of Clogher, in the Diocese of Clogher, I do not find any Rolls, Instruments, Registers, or Manuscript Books or Papers; or authentic Manuscript Copies of any such original Manuscript Rolls, &c. preserved there, as stated in the Queries; or any other Matter to which they relate; save one Parchment Roll, for persons taking and subscribing the Oaths, commencing in 1761.

William Mitchell,
Deputy Register of Clogher.

211. MEATH.

Answers to Queries directed by the Commissioners of Public Records to be answered by the Librarian of the Diocesan Library of Meath, or other proper Officer.

211. Library and Archives of Meath.

THERE is not any Cathedral in the Diocese of Meath, nor is there any Diocesan Library; there are not existing any where in said Diocese, any Documents of the nature referred to in these Queries, nor have any such ever been known to exist.

George Brabazon,
Register of Meath.

212. DOWN AND CONNOR.

[*See Postscript to Return of Actuary of Down and Connor.*]

213. DERRY.

SIR, Diocesan School, Derry, November 27th, 1810.

213. Library and Archives of Derry.

IN Reply to the Queries directed by the Commissioners on the Public Records of Ireland to be answered by the Librarian of the Diocesan Library, I have only to say, that in the Diocesan Library of Derry there are no original Records, Rolls, Instruments, Registers, or Manuscript Books or Papers containing any Acts or Proceedings by Royal, Parliamentary, Judicial, or other public Authority; and in this my reply, I consider that I have given a sufficient Answer to all the other Queries referred to me.

I have the honour to be, &c. &c.
James Knox.

To William Camack, Esquire,
Register of the Diocese of Derry.

214. RAPHOE.

SIR, Castle, Raphoe, January 19, 1811.

214. Library and Archives of Raphoe.

I RECEIVED your Letter of the 19th December, by the post of yesterday; I take for granted it must have been detained in the Post Office of Donegal, to which place it was directed. I know of no public Records in the Library or Registry of this Diocese.

I am your obedient Servant,
John Raphoe.

Wm Shaw Mason, Esquire,
&c. &c. &c.

215. KILMORE.

216. DROMORE.

Answer from the Register of the Diocese of Dromore, to the Queries transmitted by the Right Honourable the Commissioners on the Public Records in Ireland.

216. Library and Archives of Dromore.

(1.)—THERE is neither Diocesan Library or Archive, belonging to the Cathedral of Dromore or Diocese thereof; and consequently no Records, Rolls or Registers, of Parliamentary, Judicial, or other Public Authority, or any Lodgment whatever; and therefore no necessity for a Librarian or Keeper of Archives.

Oliver Brush, R. D. D.

15th November 1810.

217. DUBLIN.

[*See Return from Marsh's Library.*]

218. CHRIST CHURCH.

ANSWER of the DEAN AND CHAPTER of Christ Church, to the several QUERIES of the Commissioners on Records.

218. Library and Archives of Christ Church, Dublin.

(1.)—THE original Records belonging to the Dean and Chapter of Christ Church, amount to several thousands in number; almost all are written in Latin or Norman Court-hand, and chiefly relating to the Possessions and Privileges of the Dean and Chapter, or their predecessors the Prior and Convent of the Holy Trinity. Among these, are various Statutes and Ordinances, Royal and Private Grants, Charters, Kings Letters, Conventions, Inquisitions, Wills, Rolls of Accounts, Rentals, and a great number of Papal Bulls and Indulgences, beginning about the time of Henry Second, and continued down to the Reformation, with little or no remarkable interruption. Some of the earliest of the above, are, a Charter of Henry the Second, dated about 1172, to the above community; and two Bulls of Pope Urban, to confirm the Constitutions of Archbishop Comyn and the Possessions of this Church, dated in 1186. All these Records are either tied in bundles or strung on Files, and kept in oak Presses in the Library of Christ Church. Where there also are various Manuscript Books; of which the following are the principal:

1. Registrum Novum. Three folio volumes, containing Copies of most of the above Records, with imitations of the seals and signatures, Abstracts of the substance of them in English, and a Table of Contents. This work was compiled by the late Doctor Lyon. He has digested these Transcripts chronologically, and interspersed numerous other extracts from the Liber Niger, and Liber Albus, herein-after mentioned, and from the Rolls of Chancery, apparently with a view of furnishing a complete collection of the Antiquities, Property, and Privileges of Christ Church; but several Records copied in these volumes, are missing, notwithstanding that much care and circumspection are employed for the preservation of the Records of this Cathedral.

2. Repertorium Viride. This is a Book respecting the Churches and Religious Houses in the Diocese of Dublin, composed by Archbishop Allen in 1532.

3. A Vellum Book, of Entries of Leases belonging to Christ Church.

4. Another, of Benefactions to ditto.

5. Acts of the Dean and Chapter, from 1634 to 1703.

6. Some Books of Hearings in the High Court of Chancery, during the Protectorate; and some other Court Books, in Court-hand.

7. Charter of Henry VIII. for changing the Prior and Convent to the Dean and Chapter. A Copy of a Bill, transmitted in 1643, to confirm the rights of the latter. The King's Letter granting them One hundred Pounds, in 1679. Ordinances of the King's Commissioners on creating the Dean and Chapter. A special Verdict respecting the Liberties of Christ Church, found in 1613. Orders of Council concerning this Church, &c.

8. Liber Albus. This is a vellum folio, bound in wood, written by Thomas Tyche about 1490; containing Statutes, Grants, and other Documents, relating chiefly to this Cathedral, its Lands, Immunities, and Rights; and almost every article in it has been copied into the Registrum Novum. In this Book, folio 23, &c. is a Bull of Pope Nicholas, dated in 1277, recognizing the King of England's right of granting licence to the Prior and Convent of Christ Church, and the Dean and Chapter of St. Patrick's, to elect an Archbishop of Dublin.

9. Liber Niger. Also a vellum folio, bound in wood, and written in Court-hand; contains near 500 pages closely written, with many illuminated capitals, about the year 1340. Its contents are very miscellaneous: Charters, Statutes; Norman French Poems, Leonine and other Latin Verses; Registries of Writs; Calendars, Chronicles, Chronologies, Martyrologies, Legends; Grants; Letters Historical and Empirical; Memorandums; Lists of Tenants; a curious Treatise of Arithmetic, exhibiting the state of that science before the introduction of Arabic numerals; and sundry articles relating to the Antiquities of Christ Church, one of which, published in the Monasticon, relates, that its Vaults were built by the Danes and consecrated by Saint Patrick, and that the Church was afterwards built and endowed by Sitric. Of these numerous articles, some of the most important are, Copies of Magna Charta, Charta de Foresta, Confirmatio Chartarum, and the principal early English Statutes; some of which are considerably disguised by titles, commencements and conclusions, differing from the corresponding Acts published in the Statutes of the Realm. The above-mentioned Records likewise contain various articles relating to Tithes of Merchandise, and Tithe Fish of the Liffey, for which the Dean and Chapter obtained a Decree against the Corporation of Dublin; a Dispute between the Clergy of the two Cathedrals, Christ Church and Saint Patrick's; some curious Lists of Prices; and many other things illustrative of History and Antiquities, particularly those of Dublin and the Church.

The Answer to the second Quere is given above.

(3.)—The

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(3.)—The above Records are in general in tolerable Preservation; but some are partly effaced; and of others scarcely a single word is discernible, particularly the Constitutions of Archbishop Comyn, above mentioned. They are mostly numbered, and either tied up in bundles or filed, but several numbers are missing, and others deranged. The Books of Chancery Hearings are much torn.

(4.)—There is no Repertory, Index, or Table of Contents, save as above-mentioned; but no apparent utility would result to the Public, from making others more complete.

(5.)—No further Observation seems necessary or expedient.

The foregoing is a true Copy of the ANSWER of the Dean and Chapter, to the QUERIES of the Commissioners on Records, as entered in the Chapter Books; and which we attest this 29th day of November 1811.

Harris & *Bryan*,
Regrs to the Dean and Chapter.

The Contents of the **Black Book**,
Mentioned in the foregoing Return, and extracted from the said Book.

Index contentorū in hoc Libro, factus per Anth. Darenš. July 12, 1681.

	Año Dūi	fol.	pag.
De Incarceracõne Comitis Ultoniæ et Prioris Sĉæ Trinitatis		1	1
Nomina Feoffatorū et Fundatoř Ecclĉiæ Trinitatis cum eorū Largitionibus		1	2
Epistola Alexandri Papæ ad Soldanum	cir. an. 1305	2	2
Literæ Prioris quibus liberū Transitum impetrat pro Negotiatore suo		3	
Carta Tho. Kaunton concedens Ecclĉiæ s. Trin. Ecclesias de Martre Adunel, &c.	circ. 1226	3	1
Carta Thomæ Kaunton concessa Priori de Decimis de Adunel & pro duobus burgagiis in eadem Villa	circ. 1226	3	1
Carta Georg. Episcopi Ardfertenš concessa Priori de beneficiis Ecclĉie in Dumloy, &c.	cir. 1227	3	1
Carta Johīs Courcy dans Priori Terras de Inislochatalin	circ. 1200	3	2
Carta Galfridi de Mareis dans Priori tria feoda militā in Cumioch	cir. 1245	3	2
De adventu Danoř & Normannoř in Angliam		4	
De provinciis Angliæ		5	
Concilium Hibniæ per Magnates totius Insulæ pro divisione comitatuū & meliori regni regimine	circ. 1294	6	
Epistolæ Aristotelis missæ ad Alexandrum Magnum		8	
De Sybillis & earum carminibus		16	
De Purgatorio Tractatus		19	
Liber MS. qui vocatur Imago Mundi Gallica Lingua scriptus		20	
De concepc̃one Præcursoris Domini Sc̃ Johañ Baptistæ		30	2
De concepc̃one Salvatoris per Spiritū Sc̃um		31	1
De Adventu Mariæ in Nazareth		31	2
Carta Henrici filii Imperatricis concessa Ecclĉiæ Sanctæ Trinitatis	circ. 1172	32	2
Carta Regis Johannis concessa eidem Ecclesiæ		ibid.	
Historia Dom: nostri Jesu Xpi ex Evangelistis Gallice Scripta		34	1
Qualiter missi fuerunt Nuncii per Regem Angliæ ad Regem Franciæ		63	1
Conventio facta inter Will. Epum Glindelah & Will. Comitem Pembrochiæ de tribus Carrucatis Terræ in Kilcolyn		64	1
Chirographum confectū inter duo Capitula sc̃ Sc̃i Patricii & Sc̃æ Trinitatis per Lucam Archiepum de Electc̃one Pontificis	circ. 1230	64	1
Sententia Lucæ Archiepi pro decimis negotiac̃onis & omnium proventuum		64	1
Carta Lucæ Archiepi quod Canonici Sc̃i Patricii habeant õia placita et perquisita Clicorū & Laicorū Parochianoř suorū & etiam pro jurisdiccione Decani Sc̃i Patricii		64	2
Carta ejusdem concedens Ecclĉiam de Kilascopsanten Canonicis S. Patricii		ibid.	
Carta ejusdem quod Canonici Sc̃i Patricii faciant residentiam		ibid.	

Ex Archivis Civit. Dublin.

No. 1.

Charta Regis Hen. II.

H. Rex Angł & Dux Norm̃ & Aquit̃ & Com̃ And. Archiep̃is. Ep̃is. Abbatib⁹. Comitib⁹. Baroñ. Justic̃. Vicecom̃. Ministris. & Om̃ib⁹ fidelib⁹ suis. Francis. & Anglis. & Hib̃niensib⁹ toci⁹ ꝟre sue; salt. Sciatis me dedisse & concessisse. & p̃senti Carta confirmasse hoïb⁹ meis de Bristowa Civitat̃ mea de Duvelina; ad inhabitandā. Quare volo & firmiꝟ p̃cipio ut ipsi eam inhabitent. & teneant illā de me & de ħedib⁹ meis. bñ. & in pace. lib̃e. & q'ete. Integre. & plenarie. & honorifice. cū oïb⁹ lib̃tatib⁹ & lib̃is consuetudinib⁹ q's hoiẽs de Bristowa ħnt apd Bristowā; & p totā ꝟrā meā. Teste Will̃o de Braosa. Regiñ de Curtenai. Hugone de Gundvilla. Will̃o filio Aldeł. Rand de Glanvilla. Hug̃ de Creissi. Regiñ de Pavilli; Apd Duvelinā.

in dorso
CARTA REGIS HENRICI.

From "The Chain-book."

No. 2.

THE ꝑambulac̃on & Ryding of the ffraunches & Liberties of the Citty of Dublin by seꝟall Maio's and Cittezens apith in the LVth leaffe of this Booke.

Md That the XIIth day of September 1612 Mr Thom̃s Bushoppe then Maior of the Citty of Dublin, Mr Wm Chacrel & Mr Richard Wiggens sheriffes of the said Citty the ffraunches, meares & lymitt̃ & bond̃ of the Citty weare Riden & pambulated according to the auncient Custome.

No 3.

An OATHE of maioraltie to be ministrid to the Maio^r^ when he is to be sworne to that office: before the maio^r^ late precedent, in the absens of the lo: deputie: & Barons of th' Exchequer:

Sto: Ma:

Yo^w^ shall sweer to be true to our soꝟaigne lo: ye King̃ ma^tie^ & to ye heirs of o^r^ said soꝟaigne lo: ye King: yo^w^ shall demesne yor selfe in ye office of maioraltie as becom̃eth a good & curefull magistrate soe long as yo^w^ shall hold ye said office. yo^w^ shall saulfe keape this Cittie by all yor power for o^r^ said soꝟaigne Lo: ye King̃ ma^tie^ & shall governe ye people therof in peace.

No. 4.

[Entry of Statutes of Hen. III. *from the same.*]

Quaunt le quarter de furment se vent pur XII deners donk peisera le Wastel de q^a^ ben bultele. VI. ħi. XVI. s̃. Payn coket de meme le ble e dememe le beletel peysera plus qe le Wastel de II. s̃. Le simenel peisera meyn ke le Wastel de II. s̃. pur ceo ke il est. deus fiez q^l^t Payn de enteer furment. a q^a^ peysera coket e demi Pan de Tret peysera. II. Wastels e payn de touz blez peysera. II. coket̃.

Q^a^nt pur XVIII deñ. donk peysera le Wastel de q^a^ IIII. ħi. X. s̃. VIII. d̃.

Ex Archivis Civil. Dublin.

Charta Regis Hen. II.

. 1.ª 1.

H. Rex Angl' Dux Norm' & Aquit' & Com' And. Archiepis. Epis. Abbatib. Comitib. Baron'. Justic'. Vicecom'. Ministris. & Omib' fidelib' suis. Francis. & Anglis. & Hibniensib' tocā tre sue. Salt'. Sciatis me dedisse & concessisse. & pfenti Carta confirmasse hoīb' meis de Bristowā Burgag' meā de Duuelind. ad inhabitandā. Quare uolo & firmit' pcipio ut ipsi eam inhabitent. & teneant illā de me de hered' meis. bn' & in pace. libe. & quiete. integre. & plenarie & honorifice. cū oīb' libertatib' & libis consuetudinib' qs hoīes de Bristowā hnt apd Bristowā. & p tocā tra meā. Teste Willo de Bradosa. Regin' de Cyrencā. hugone de Gundevilla. Willo filio Aldet. Land de Glanvilla. Hug' de Greissy. Regin' de Pduilly. apd Druelinā.

Henry Mason scrip

in dorso

From the Chain Book.

. 1.ª 2.

The p'ambulacon & Ryding of the Aldermen & Liberties of the City of Dublin by Sondale next & Thursday after the Feaste of the Trinitie,

And that the xxj^th^ day of September 1612 and [illegible] the Maior of the City of Dublin, with Thomas Ffrench & and Rychard Wiggens Sheriffes of the said City the Aldermen, Burgesses & Cytizens of the Citty rode the Bownds & Limitts & perambulacon according to the annuall Custome,

. 1.ª 3.

An oath of the maioralty to be ministred to the maior. when he is to be sworne to that office before the maior Lord President, & the assistants of the Lo: Councell & Barons of the Exchequer.

You shall sweare to be true to our Soueraigne Lo: the King & to his heires & successors & to our said Soueraigne Lo: the King: You shall demand not take in the office of maioralty but reasonable & a good Customfull maintenance so long as you shall be in the said office. You shall assist & defend the City & all the Liberties thereof in all your power for our said Soueraigne Lo: the King & his heires & successors & shall procure the peace & quiet of the people & Citizens in your ward.

. 1.ª 4.

Le Baron de Gualter de Burmond de Bent, pur xlij deners donez per ses Chapel' de Ben Bulbeck. by. ij. yok. de Labour de meme le Ville o demeine le Baron pres del Chapel de y. S. Le demeine pres mein de Le Chapel de y. S. pur ceo be il ne doit Dous sug' de Plain de auter Burmond. a. q' pres dobes e demi plain de tuo pres sed. y. Chapels eglein de roys Bles pres sed. y. dobes

Et pur xb iij. den. donez pres sed le Chapel de q. my. Acr. S. Eny. D.

Wm Hamilton scrip

James Hunter sculp

Ordered by the HOUSE OF LORDS, to be printed 13th July 1810.

Ex Cod. ms. vocato "*Chain Book.*"

[*In Arch. Civ. Dubl.*]

No. 1.

Provisum est ꝑ comune consilium qđ | Provisiones orde-
si aliquis maledixerit sive aliquo alio | nate ꝑ com̄une consi-
modo deliquerit majori in quocūq; loco ext^a | lium Civitatis
guyaldam ⁊ theoloniū; dabit eidm̄. XL s̄. et am̄ciabit^r | Dublinie.
coram baꝉꝉis scđm q^antitatē delicti videꝉt ad. XX. s̄. Si vero
maledixerit seu aliquo modo deliquerit majori in banco; dabit
eidm̄. X. ꝉi.

No. 2.

Itm̄ Cives Dubꝉin clam̄ hr̄e liƀtates subsc̄ptas.

1. Inp^imis clamant hr̄e omnes liƀtates ⁊ liƀas consuetudines quas Burgenses de Bristoꝉꝉ ħent sicut continet^r in quadam carta Henr̄ Regis Angꝉ pr̄is Reg̃. Joħ que confirmat^r ꝑ cartam ejusdm̄ Joħ filii sui.

2. Itm̄ qđ sint quieti de thelonio, passagio ⁊ pontagio ꝑ totam ꝯram. R. eciam de om̄i consuetudine et qđ ħeant omnes suas liƀtates ⁊ quietancias plene ⁊ honorifice, sicut liƀi ⁊ fideles homines Regis, Et qđ ħeant civitatem Dubꝉn cum ꝓpoĩtura ⁊ omnibꝫ aliis suis ꝑtinenciis.

No. 3.

Ces sunt les leys ⁊ les usages de la Cite de | De Bataille.
Diveliñ, ceo est a saver ke si un cytein fiert
un foreyn, par ount il est mort, dount Bataille
poeit sourdre; le cyteyn ly purgera od.
XL. leaus homes, ꝑ ount le Bastun de chescun
forein home si est depesce encountre cyteyn.
ke james a Bataille navendra.

Ex Cod. ms. vocat. "Chain Book".

Prouisum est p communem consi-
lium quod si aliquis male
dixerit sive aliquo alio modo deliquerit
maiori in quocumque loco extra Ciuitatis
theolonium: dabit ordinem xl s. et amerciabitur coram balbis
secundum quantitatem delicti videlicet ad xv s. Si vero male
dixerit seu aliquo modo deliquerit maiori in banco: da-
bit ordinem x li.

Prouisiones ordi-
nate per communem consi-
lium Ciuitatis
Dublinie.

Item Ciues Dublinie clamant habere libertates subscriptas

1 Primis clamant habere omnes libertates et liberas consue-
tudines quas burgenses de Kristoll habent sicut conti-
nentur in quadam carta Henrici regis Angl. patris regis Joh.
que confirmatur per cartam eiusdem Joh. filii sui.

2 Item quod sint quieti de thelonio, passagio et pon-
tagio per totam terram. Rx. etiam de omni consuetu-
dine, et quod habeant omnes suas libertates et quietan-
cias plene et honorifice sicut liberi et fideles homines
regis. Et quod habeant ciuitatem Dublin cum prepositura
et omnibus aliis suis pertinenciis.

Ces sunt les leys et les usages de
la cite de Dueline, ceo est a sauer le
si un citein fiert un foreyn, par
ount il est mort, dount bataille po-
eit sourdre. le citeyn ly purgera od xl. le-
aus homes, par ount le bastun de chestun forein
home si est depesce encountre citeyn be iames
a bataille nauendra.

De bataille

Ordered by the HOUSE OF LORDS, *to be printed, 13th July, 1819.*

Charta Johannis Dom. Hiberniæ. Ex Archivis Civit. Dublin.

Johannes Dominus Hybnie Comes Moretonii Omnibꝫ hominibꝫ ꝛt Amicis suis Francis ꝛt Anglicis Hibꝺniensibꝫ ꝛt Walensibꝫ presentibꝫ & futuris Salt. Sciatis me dedisse & concessisse & hac mea carta ꝯfirmasse Civibꝫ meis de Dubliñ tam extª muros qªm infª muros manentibꝫ usqꝫ ad metas ville qꝺ hañt metas suas sicut palate fuerant p sacªmentū ꝑbōꝫ viroꝫ de Civitate ipã p ꝓceptū Regꝭ. H. pris mei. scit ex parte Orientali de Dubliñ ꝛt Australi parte pasturā q̃ durat usqꝫ ad portam Ecclie scī Keivini ꝛt sic p viam usqꝫ ad Kilmerecaregañ. ꝛt sic p divisam ꝓre de Duvenolbroc usqꝫ ad Dother. ꝛt de Dother. usqꝫ ad mare scit ad Clarade juxª mare. ꝛt de Clarade usqꝫ ad Renuvielañ. Et in Occidentali parte de Dubliñ ab Ecclia scī Patricii p vallem usqꝫ ad Karnanclonegunethe. ꝛt exinde usqꝫ ad divisam ꝓre de Kylmenan. ꝛt ultª Aqªm de Kylmenan. juxª Avenelith; usqꝫ ad vada de Kilmehanoc. & ultª Aqªm de Avenelith versus Boream p Ennocnegavhoc. ꝛt deiñ usqꝫ ad orrea Scē Trinitatis. ꝛt de Orreis itt usqꝫ ad Furcas ꝛt sic p Divisam inꝓ Climlith ꝛt Crinan. usqꝫ ad Tolekan. ꝛt deiñ usqꝫ ad Ecclıam scē Marie de Houstmanebi. ꝛt qꝺ hañt Oms libtates ꝛt libas ꝯsuetudines subscꝫptas. Libtates aūt qªs eis ꝯcessi st heē. scit quod ntts Civis de Dubliñ placitet extª muros ville de ullo placito. ꝑꝓqªm de placitis de exꝓioribꝫ teneñtis q̃ ñ ptinent ad Hundredum ville. Et qªd sint qꝫeti de murdro infª metas ville. Et qꝺ ntts Civis faciat Duellū in Civitate de aliqª appello qꝺ qꝫsqª versus eum faꝓe possit. sꝫ pꝛgabit se per sacªmentū. XL. hoīū ipīus Civitatis qꝫ legales sint. Et qꝺ nemo capiet hospiciū infª muros p assisam vt p libationē marescalloꝫ contª voluntatē civiū. Et q sint qꝫeti de Theloneo ꝛt lastagio. ꝛt passagio. ꝛt pontagio. ꝛt de oībꝫ aliis ꝯsuetudinibꝫ p totam ꝓram ꝛt potestatē meā. Et qꝺ ntts judicetꝛ de misꝛcdia pecunie nꝫ scdm̄ legem hundredi. scit p Forisfcm. XL. sot. vū is qui in miām inciꝺit; qꝫetꝯ erit de medietate. ꝛt aliam medietatē dabit in miscdia. exceptis tribus miscdiis. s. de pane ꝛt ꝓvisia ꝛt vigilia q̃ mīe st. ꝛt de duobꝫ sot ꝛt. VI. ꝺ. uñ medietas ꝯdonabitꝛ ꝛt alia medietas reddetꝛ in mia Et qꝺ Hundredū tm̄ semel teneatꝛ in septimana. Et q in ntto placito possit qꝫs causari p meskennīgam. Et qꝺ juste hañt ꝓras ꝛt tenuras suas ꝛt vadimonia sua ꝛt debita p totā ꝓram ꝛt potestatē meā qꝫcūq ea debeat. Et qꝺ possint distringꝓe debitores suos p namia sua in Dubliñ. Et qꝺ de ꝓris ꝛt tenuris q̃ infª villā st rectum eis teneatꝛ scdm ꝯsuetudinē Civitatis. Et qꝺ de debitis q̃ accomodata fuint in Civitate ꝛt de vadmoniis ibiꝺ fcīs placita in civitate teneantꝛ scdm ꝯsuetudinē civitatis. Et qꝺ siqꝫs alicubi in ꝓra vt potestate mea cepit theloneū de hoibꝫ civitatis si ñ reddꝓit. pꝯqª reqꝫsitꝯ fuit reddꝓe. ꝓpositꝯ civitatis capiat iñ namiū apꝺ Dubliñ ꝛt distringat reddꝓe. Et qꝺ ntts extªneus mercator emat infª Civitatē de hoīe extraneo blada vt coria vt lanam nisi de Civibꝫ. Et qꝺ ntts extraneus hāt tabnam de vino nꝫ in navi. Hac aūt libtate mꝫ reservata qꝺ de qualibet navi qªm illuc cū vinis venire ꝯtinget baillivus m̄s loco mei eliget duo dolia vini quecūqꝫ volit in navi unū scit añ malū. aliud retº malū ad opꝯ meū ꝑ. XL. sot. unū ꝑ. XXtl sot ꝛt aliud ꝑ. XXtl. sot ꝛt nichil amplius iñ accipiet nꝫ ad gªtū ꝑcatoris. Et qꝺ ntts extªneus vendat pannos in civitate ad decisionē. Et qꝺ ntts extªneus mercator moretꝛ in villa cū ꝑcibꝫ suis p ꝑcibꝫ suis vendendis nꝫ p. XL. dies. ꝛt q ntts civis Dubiliñ alicubi in ꝓra vt potestate mea namietꝛ vt distringatꝛ p aliqº debito nꝫ sit debitor vt plegius. Et qꝺ possint maritare se ꝛt filios ꝛt filias ꝛt viduas sine licentia dñoꝫ suoꝫ. ꝛt qꝺ ntts dñoꝫ suoꝫ ꝑp ſorenses ꝓras hāt custodiā vt donatiōnē filioꝫ vt filiarū suaꝝ aut viduaꝝ. sꝫ tm̄ custodiam teneñtoꝫ suoꝫ q̃ st de ſeodo suo doñ etatē hañt. Et qꝺ ntta recognitio fiat in Civitate. ꝛt qꝺ ħiant oms rōnabiles Gildas suas sic Burgenses de Brist hñt. vt meliꝯ hrē ꝯsueverꝛt. Et q ntts Civis cogatꝛ replegiare aliquē nꝫ ipe volit qªmvis sit st ꝓram suā manens. Concessi ꝛt eis Oms tenuras infª muros ꝛt extª muros usqꝫ ad ꝓdcās metas ad disponendū iñ p voluntate sua p ꝯüem assensum Civitatis in mesagiis ꝛt in virgultis. in edificiis sup aqªm ꝛt alibi uꝫcūqꝫ fuint in villa tenendas in liberū burgagiū. s. p serviciū landgabuli qꝺ reddunt infª muros. Concessi ꝛt̃ q qꝫlibet eoꝫ possit se emendare qªntū potit in edificiis faciendis uꝫcqꝫ volit sup ripā sñ dampno Civium ꝛt villate. ꝛt qꝺ hañt & possideant oms ꝓras & placeas vacuas q̃ infª ꝓdcās metas ꝯtinentꝛ ad voluntatē eoꝫ edificandas. Concessi ꝛt̃ eis q neqꝫ Templarii neqꝫ hospitalarii hañt aliquē hoiēm vt aliqªd mesagiū qꝫetū de ꝯüibꝫ ꝯsuetudinibꝫ civitatis infª ꝓdcās metas nꝫ unū solum. Hec oīia eis ꝯcessi salvis tenuris ꝛt ꝓris oīum eoꝫ qꝫ ꝓras ꝛt tenuras hñt & cartam meā iñ extª muros usqꝫ ad ꝓdcās metas. qꝺ ñ possit civitas de ꝓris itt sic de aliis dispoꝓe. sꝫ faciant oms ꝯsuetudines civitatis sicut alii cives. De itt aut ħ dico qui Cartam meam habuerꝛt de aliqꝫbꝫ ꝓris infª eašd metas extª muros añqªm Civitati ꝓdcās libtates ꝛt hanc cartam ꝯcesserim. Quare volo ꝛt firmiꝓ ꝓcipio qꝺ ꝓdci Cives mei de Dubliñ ꝛt ħrdes sui p ipōs hañt ꝛt teneant oms ꝓdcās libtates ꝛt libas ꝯsuetudines suas sic ꝓscꝫptū est de me ꝛt de ħrdibꝫ meis sicut eas umqª meliꝯ ꝛt integꝫus habuerꝛt qñ bone fuerꝛt bene ꝛt in pace. ꝛt honorifice absqꝫ Omi inpediōto vt molestia qª aliqꝫs eis iñ faciat. Testibꝫ Stephano Kiꝺello Cancellario mō. Walꝓo ꝺ Dunstanvitt. Witto de Rahaing senescallo mō. Teoꝺ Walti pinᵹna. Hañ de Valom̄. Yngelrañ de pªcett. ÐÐ. Walenš. Ric de Kunēr. Fulcone de Cantelev. Witto ſit Ric. Gillebto de Angulo. Rogꝓo Tyrel. Magro Bñdcō. Magrō petº Canuto. apud Lonꝺ Regni Ric Regꝭ Anglie Anno ꝓcio Quinto decimo die Maii.

Charta Johannis Dom. Hib.

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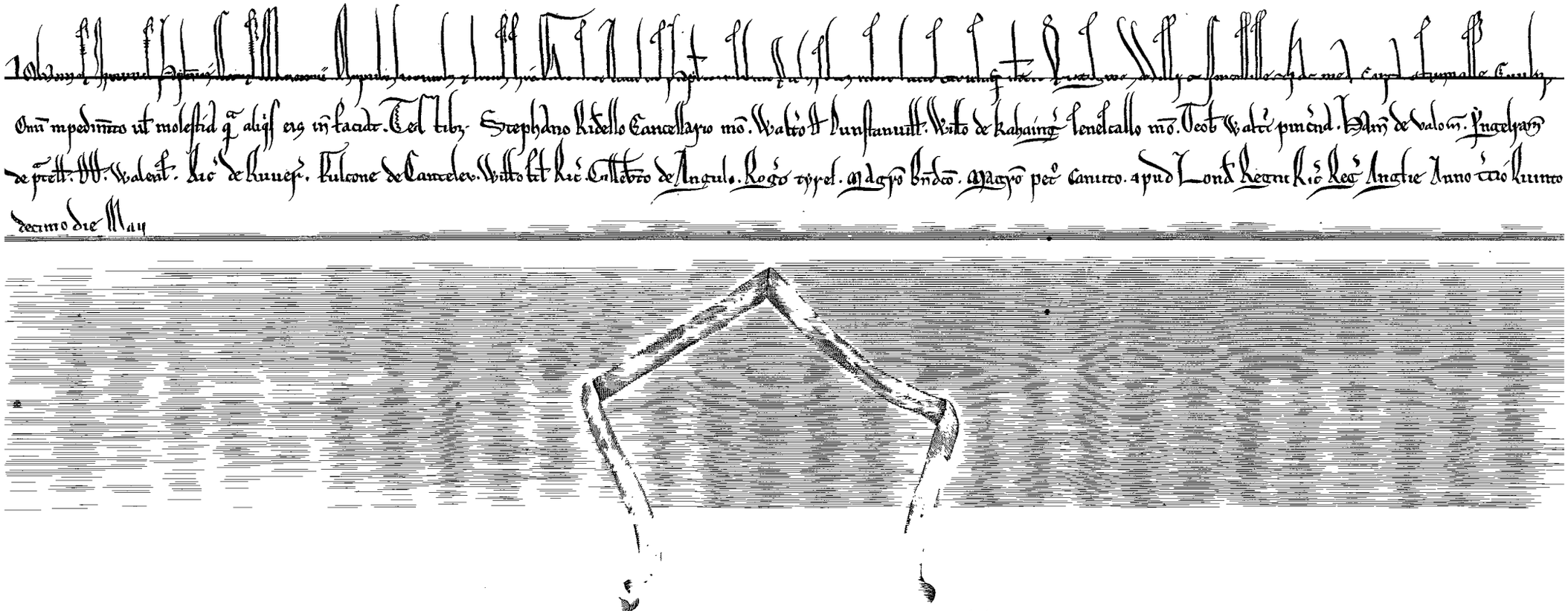

Ordered by the HOUSE OF LORDS, *to be printed 13th July, 1819.*

Johannes dominus Hibernie Comes Andegavensis Omnibus hominibus totius terre sue Francis et Anglis Salutem precipimus et tenere precipimus et tenere Sacie. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse et hac mea carta confirmasse Civibus de Dublin eam de Dublin eam ecc̃ murol. qm̃ int̃ murol. mdiantib; vlg ad mercat ville. qd̃ hinc meras habeat hanc potestatem tuguant p̃ta ancenũ phos supos. de Cantetre qa p̃cepim̃ Reg̃ p̃ril mo lat. q̃ pdyce Oprenols de Dublin et Archipal pdyce pastyrã q̃ dimitt vlg ad pontem Ecclie Sã Kanini et hec p eadm vlg ad Kilmegregorin. et hec p eandem dyc de Inuenolyoc vlg ad Dolyc. et de Dolyc vlg ad mare lat ad Clapdee ag̃ mare. et de Clapde vlg ad Kennelan. et in Occidentali pte de Dublin ab Ecclia Sã patricii p vallum vlg ad Kepnaclonegunethe. et inde vlg ad Dunlam dyc de Kelmendin. et int̃ dam de Kelmendin ung̃ fluvetin vlg ad vada de Kilmehanoc. et int̃ dam de Inuerelan ung̃ fluvetin p Innocentesduhoc. et deñ vlg ad exped Sce Trinit. et de Oppal ill vlg ad Cupual. et hec p Dunlan int̃ Clondalc et Clondalcan vlg ad Kelcheat et deñ vlg ad Ecclam Sce Marie de Donfinglenech. et qd̃ hinc omes liberi et libes gentes mee Dublin Libertat. dict̃ qs ad gaud̃ et hec. Sat quod nulls ciuis de Dublin placitet aut murol. de vllo placito preter placita de Scaccario teneãtur q̃ ñ pernear de Dundedrum ville. et qd̃ hint̃ gen de quocũq; int̃ mercat ville. et qd̃ nulls ciuis talem Duellum in Cuntate de Dublin appello qd̃ ista vsq; ad cum talis pollet. si pedor le pos. Laicum xl. bouũ ep̃ul Cuntate. et qd̃ nemo capiat hospitiũ int̃ murol. p̃ villam ut p̃ liberacõe marescallor. cõte voluntate ciuiũ. et q̃ liber gen de Dolmen. et Lastage. et pallagio. et pontagio. et de omib; aliis glueredinib; et rerum venũ p̃ eadm̃ p̃ceptũ int̃ dict̃ ciues et mercatores. et qd̃ nulls ciuis de int̃ciũ pecunie int̃ eos in vsuram loceat. Et de Judeis fuit p̃ceptum. et dict̃ qd̃ si qui in mdam inciderint. q̃d̃ eam de mercatore. et ciuis Dublin mercatore dabunt int̃ mercatores exceptis quib; mercatus s. de pane et cinisia et vigilia et vnie. et de duobus lot. et x. et xii. vñ mercatus qd̃ valeat. et alia mercatoria pedagia in mũa. et qd̃ ciues Dublin predict̃ non teneãt int̃ se mercatum. et q̃ in vllo placito pollit. si cuilibet p̃ medietatem duelli. et qd̃ nulls ciuis Dublin placitet extra ciuitatem. et qd̃ ciues Dublin habeant plenam et liberam potestatem vendendi et emendi in Dublin. et qd̃ de ep̃ul et remurol. q̃ int̃ villa et pertinencias eius vendet scam̃ glueriduc Cuntetul. et qd̃ de debitis q̃ debentur Dublin in Cuntate et de debitis q̃ debentur in Cuntate et de quib; mortuis vbi bona sua placita in Cuntate teneant̃ sed in Dublin glueriduc Cuntetul. et qd̃ hoc̃ alcatbe in pra ut prepositi mei capiat tholoneũ de boris Cuntetul int̃ pedda. et qd̃ prepositi Dublin capiat tholoneũ de boris Dublin pedde. et qd̃ nulls ciuis Dublin

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No. 1.

[Ex Magnâ Chartâ Johannis Hiberniensibus.]

I Dei grã Rex Angł. dñs. Hybn. Dux Normañ ꝛt Acquiť. Coñ Andegavˉ. Archiepīs. Epīs. Abbatibus, Pˡoribus. Coñ. Baronibȝ. Justič. Vič. ꝓpositis. Minist'ˢ Ballivis. ꝛt omñibȝ fidelibȝ suis, salm. Sciatis nos intuitu dei ꝑ salute anime nr̃e. ꝛt oñū antecessoꝝ nr̃oꝝ ad honorem dei. ꝛt ad exaltac̃onem sc̃e Eccl̃e. ꝛt emendacionem Regni nr̃ī. ꝛt p consiliū veñabił patr̃ nr̃oꝝ. G. Cantuaˉ Archiepi. ꝛt tocius Angł pˡmatis. ꝛt sc̃e Romane eccl̃e Cardiñ ꝛt Henˉ Dubłn Archiepi ville Londoñ. rˉ. Wītoñ. J. Bathoñ. ꝛt Wellenš, Lyncolnyeñs. W. Couventr̃. ꝛt Lychesfeld Epoꝝ. ꝛt Randulfi dñi ppˢ sb̄diaconi. ꝛt familiaˉ. ꝛt ffr̃īs nr̃i Henˉ magr̃i milicie templi in Angł. ꝛt nobiliū viroꝝ Witti Marescalli Coñ Penbrok. W. Comiť saˉ. W. Coñ Harundel. Alany de Galleweya Constab Scocye. Warini fił Geroldi. r̃r̃. fił Herbti de burgo señ pictavie. Hugoñ de nova villa. Matł fił Herbti. Thoñ Bassetł. Alani Basset. Phi de Aubeny. J. Mareschałł.

No. 2.

[Conclusio Chartæ Hen. III. Hiberniensibus.]

§. ꝑ hac auť concessione ꝛt donatione libtatū istarum ꝛt aliarum contentarū in Carta nr̃a de libtatibus foreste. Archiep̄i. Ep̄i. Abbates. Pˡores. Coñ. Barõn. Milites. ꝛt libe teñtes. ꝛt omnes de regno nostro dederunt nobis qˡntādec̄iam ptem ōniū bonoꝝ suoꝝ mobiliū. Testibus prenomīatis. ꝛt młtis aliis Datum ꝑ manū venerabił pr̃īs dñi. R. Dunholm Epī Cancełł nr̃i apd scm̃ paulum London. VIˢ. die Novembr̃. Anno r̃. ñ. secundo.

No. 3.

[Ex Chartâ de Forestâ ejusdem Regis Hiberniensibus.]

Heñr Dei grã ꝛc̃. S. Sciãt quod intuitu dei. ꝛt pro salute aīe nostre. ꝛt Animarū antecessorū ꝛt successorum nr̃orū ad exaltac̃onem sc̃e Eccl̃e. ꝛt emendac̃onem Regni nr̃i concessimꝰ. ꝛt hac presenti Carta nr̃a confirmavimꝰ pro nob ꝛt hered nr̃is inppetuū. de consilio venerabił pr̃īs dñi Wał. T̃T̃. sc̃i Martini ꝓsbr̃i Cardinał aplice sedis Legati; Dñi Walˉ Ebor̃ Archiepi.

No. 4.

[Memoran.]

Anno regni Regis Edwardi filius reg̃ Henˉ tercii XX. fuerunt om̃es Judei de Anglia exulati. Et fuerunt in numo XXXˢ. tres Mylia ꝛt VII C. ꝛt XXXII. Anno dñi. Mˢ.CCCˢ. p̃mo combusta est civitas Dubłn ꝛt. magna ps Dubłn cū eccã sc̃e Werbuʳge.

No. 5.

A Writ.

Edward par la grace de Deu Rey de Engleᵹre. seinur de Hyrelande. e Duc de Acquitaine. a Jon le fit Jon salut. Nus vus comandoms ke saunt delaye pleiner drettʳe teiniez a Witła le marchant de un mis & Cent Acres de ᵹre od les apurtenāt en la vile de. N. kyl cleime tenir de vus par franc ᵹvice dun espver sor rendant par an pur tut ᵹvices les qũs. R. de leune. li deforce. ꝛt si vus ne le fetes le viscunte le fra ke mes ne oiñ pleinte pur defaute de dreit. E FET A SAVER KE CESTE BREF DE DREIT DEIT PˡMES ESTRE PLEIDE EN LA CURT SŪ SEINUR KE E DEMĀDANT ꝛt SI LA CURT SŪ SEINUR LI FAILE DE DRETTʳE. ꝛt IL LE PᵒSE ꝑVER. SI PLEIDª.

No. 6.

[Memoran.]

Mđ qª Anno dñi Mˢ. C. octuagesimo filius Aldelmi . . . . . baculū virtuosissimū quem baculū Jñu vocant et sc̃s patriciᵒ semp in manu portavit et altare lapideū ab Armachia Ecclie ꝑcē Trinitatis Dubłn trasferre curaverūt et restant in Ecclia ꝓdcã Et dat fuerūt in tempore dñi Laurencii Archiepi Dubłn.

No. 7.

[Inquisitio 12 Edw. III.]

Inquisitio Capt coram Joñe Gerñon et Joñe Grauntset p Comissionē dñi Regis ad hoc assigñ apd Dubłn sup certas Contᵉvercias inᵹ pˡorē et Conventˉ Ecclie Cathł sc̃e Trinitatis Dubłn et maiorē et Cives dicte Civitāt vȝ. sup Rectoriā Aque de Aniliffi et Rectoriā de Gargetmedᵹ et dñiū de Gargetmedis et in qua pocł sūt dict̃ prāt die Jovis p̃x post ffm̃ scī Laurenricii O Toiłł Anno r̃r̃ Edwardi tercii post Cōquestū XIIˢ. p subscˡpt̃. vȝ.

No. 8.

[Memoran.]

Anno dñi. Mˢ.CCCmo. XXXIXˢ. die Tˢnslac̃ sc̃i Thom̃ martir̃. fuit eclipsum solis hora nona diei in Hibn. vis in Dubłn. . . Eodm Anno in cᵉstino sc̃oꝝ Tiburcii ꝛt Valeriani martiꝝ. celebrāt fuit . . . . . in ecclia Cathedrał sc̃e Tˡinitāt Dubłn. ab Alex̃o de Bydenore Arcep̄o Dubłn. Magro Ricõ magr̃o Howlot. Epõ Darēnˢ. cū mułs abbībȝ ꝛt pˡoribȝ ꝛt pcˡatoribȝ pvincie sue.

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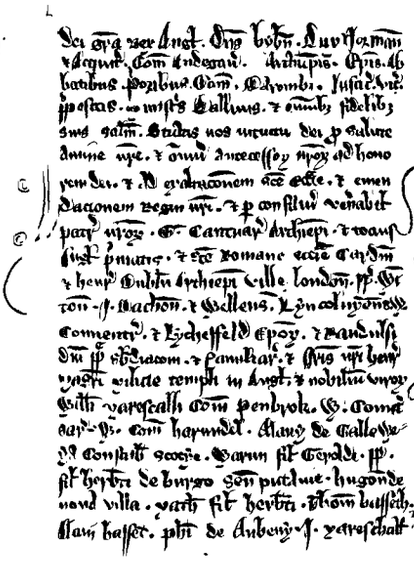

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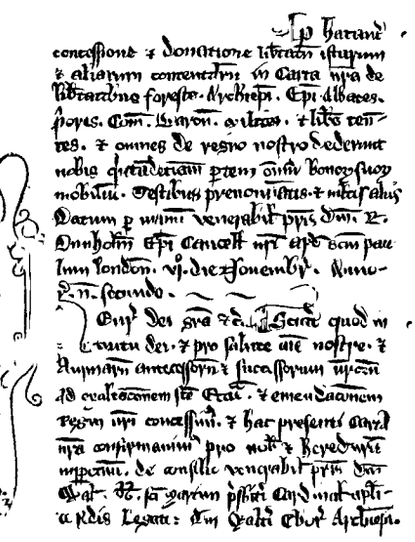

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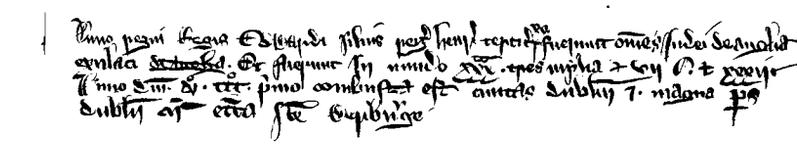

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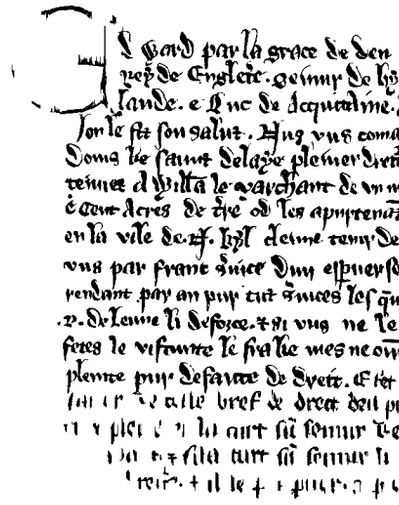

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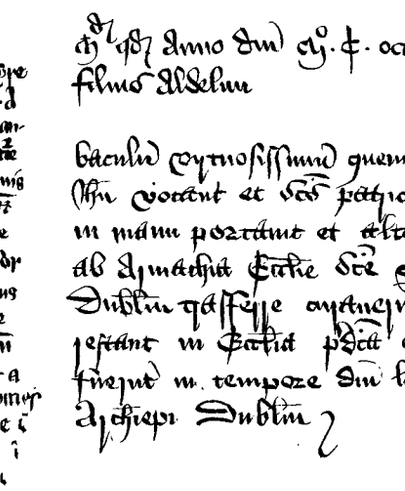

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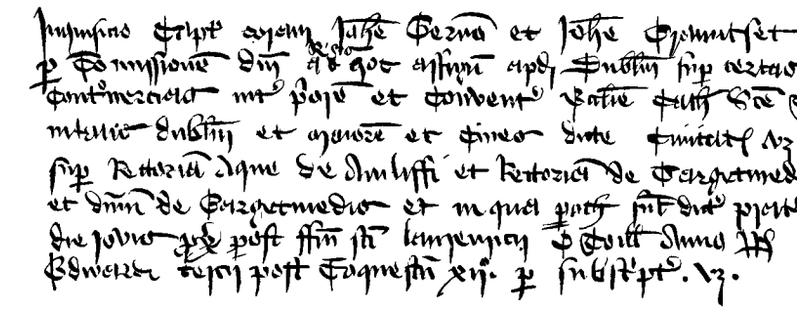

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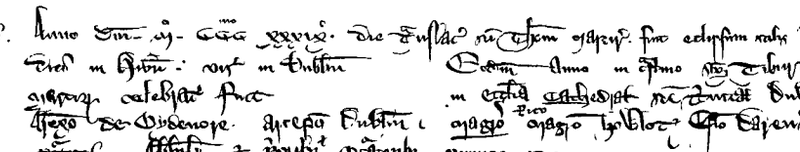

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In Decanať de Bree	Iim I Carucē ẗre t[a]diť ad firmam ꝑ	IIII li. X s.	Decīa IX s.
	Iim I Carucē ẗre apd Tyllagh t[a]diť ad firmam ꝑ	VI li.	Decīa XII s.
	Iim III Carucē ẗre que remanēt ī manio valēt ꝑ annū	XVIII li.	Decīa XXXVI s.
	Ecclia de Clonken cū Capella adjacē vať ꝑ annū	XVIII li. III s. IIII d.	Decīa XXXVI s. IV d.
	Sm[a]	LXI li. VI s. VIII d.	Decīa VI li. II s. VIII d.
In Decanať de Swerde	Ecclia de Balyskadan vať ꝑ annū	X li.	Decīa XX s.
	Redditus annuus ibidē	XXVIII li.	Decīa LVI s.
	Sm[a]	XXXVIII li.	Decīa LXXVI s.
In Decanať de	Ecclia de Kyllcolyn quā ñent p[ro]or & cōvent[o] Sc̄e T'nitat[ẽ] p̄dce ī pp[ri]os usus cū Capl̄lis & ptiñ suis v3	XXXIX li. XIII s. IIII d.	
	Sm[a] p̄fať		Decīa LXXIX s. IIII d.
	Sm[a] Sm[a]z	C.CXXVI li. V s. II d.	Decīa XXII li. XII s. VI d. q[a] ꝑ.

219. Library and Archives of Kildare.

219. KILDARE.

5, St. Andrew-street, 30th July 1811.

SIR,

I HAVE had the honour to receive your Letter of the 18th of September last; and in answer thereto, I beg leave to acquaint you, for the information of His Majesty's Record Commissioners, that there is not any Library, nor any Records of a public nature lodged in the Registry of the Chapter of Kildare.

I have the honour to be, Sir, &c.

R. G. Greene,
Joint and Acting Register to the Chapter of Kildare.

Wm Shaw Mason, Esquire.
&c. &c.

220. OSSORY.

Answer from the Librarian of the Diocese of Ossory, to the Queries transmitted by the Right Honourable the Commissioners on the Public Records in Ireland.

220. Library and Archives of Ossory.

THE Library contains about Four Thousand Books, of different descriptions and languages; and, though an old Building, is in tolerable repair.

C. F. Phillips,
Librarian.

221. FERNS.

221. Library and Archives of Ferns.

SIR,

IN the absence of the Lord Bishop of Ferns, I had the honour of receiving the Queries addressed to his Lordship, &c. &c. dated 18th September 1810.—In answer to which, I beg leave, through you, to inform the Right honourable the Commissioners on the Public Records in Ireland, that there never was, to my knowledge or belief, any Library attached to the Cathedral of Ferns, or any other Office thereunto belonging, save the Registry of the Consistorial Court, from which I did myself the honour of transmitting to you Answers to the several Queries received by me, to the best of my ability.

I have the honour to be, Sir, &c.

Thomas Bridson.
18th November 1810.

Wm Shaw Mason, Esquire,
&c. &c.

222. LEIGHLIN.

SIR, Carlow, 18th November 1810.

I HAD the honour of your favour, and should have answered same, but waited until I saw the Reverend Mr. Waller, who is Economist and Treasurer to the Chapter of Leighlin.

There is no Librarian or Archives, or any Office, or any Records of any kind, belonging to the Dean and Chapter; except one Chapter Book, in which the Accounts are kept, and in the possession of Mr. Waller, who is Treasurer and Economist of the Cathedral, and lives near the town of Carlow.

222. Library and Archives of Leighlin.

And have the honour to be, Sir, &c. &c.

Wm Shaw Mason, Esquire, &c. &c. &c.

T. Gurly, Register.

223. CASHEL.

224. LIMERICK.

ANSWERS to QUERIES respecting the Archives of the Cathedral of Limerick.

THERE is no Diocesan Library at Limerick.—No Archives belonging to the Cathedral; except a parchment Book, in good Preservation, containing the Acts and Proceedings of the Chapter, from the year 1680 to the year 1804:—And a new Chapter Book, of parchment, containing the Chapter Acts since 1805. These Books are kept by the Chapter Clerk, who is also the Deputy Register of the Diocese. He keeps them in the Registry Office, which is private property. The place is as secure as other private houses.

224. Library and Archives of Limerick.

Limerick, 4th September 1812.

L. J. Kiggell, Deputy Register.

225. WATERFORD.

226. CORK.

SIR,

MY REGISTER drew up, and sent to your Office, a full and accurate Reply to one set of Queries which I received. I have not received, but am informed, a second set were sent to the Librarian, who is at present absent: I can however, in his absence, give you an Answer, as the Library was for many years under my control, as Dean of Cork.—The Library is private; consisting only of the Books possessed by Archdeacon Pomeroy, who founded it. There is not in it one Book of Records, either manuscript or printed.

226. Library and Archives of Cork.

I remain, Sir, your humble Servant,

T. Cork and Ross.

227. KILLALOE.

(1.)—THERE is one manuscript Book, given into the Registry Office by Dr. Knox, when Bishop of Killaloe, entitled, A State of the Diocese of Killaloe, presented to His Majesty's Commissioners at Dublin, July the 1st, 1622, by John Ryder, then Bishop of Killaloe; and Acts of Parliament, from the year 1800 to the end of the last Session 1810. There are no Diocesan Libraries, or Archives of the Cathedral. The Dean of Killaloe has one Book, in which the Proceedings of the Chapter are registered. There are no other Records, of any description whatever, but what were mentioned in the former Return.

227. Library and Archives of Killaloe.

(2.)—The above Records are kept in the Registry Office, a secure place for keeping them; which is private property.

(3.)—The above are in good Preservation.

(4.)—There are no general Catalogues, &c. &c. nor, as I am informed, ever were, in the Registry Office.

(5.)—There are so few Records in the Office, that I have no Observations, that would make them more convenient to the Public than at present, to make.

January 28th, 1811.

Richard Martin, Reg^r of the Diocese of Killaloe.

228. TUAM.

The ANSWERS of Charles Davis, CLERK TO THE CHAPTER of the Cathedral Church of St. Mary, Tuam; in obedience to certain QUERIES, directed by the Right Honourable the Commissioners on the Public Records in Ireland.

THERE is no Librarian, nor Diocesan Library, of the Cathedral Church of St. Mary, Tuam; nor any Archive or Office thereunto belonging. Nor are there any original Records, Rolls, Instruments, Registries, Manuscript Books, or Papers, that I can find out, as belonging to the said Cathedral or the Chapter thereof; save Registries of Births, Marriages, Baptisms, and Vestry Proceedings of said Church, and the Parishes united thereto, which are kept by the Vicar thereof; and also three old and new Manuscript bound Books, from the year 1724 to the present time, which contain the Acts and Proceedings of said Chapter, and the several Accounts of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Rents and other Income thereof, within the period aforesaid; which said Chapter Books are lodged by the Members of said Chapter, for safe keeping, with the Reverend Edmond Burton, their Treasurer, who resides at Tuam aforesaid.

228. Library and Archives of Tuam.

Charles Davis, Not. Pub.

Tuam, 29th January 1811.

Chapt^r Clerk of Tuam Cathedral.

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Cathedrals.

229. CLONFERT.

230. KILLALA.

230. Library and Archives of Killala.

SIR,

YOUR Letter, dated the 18th of last September, was received by me only yesterday by private hand; owing to some oversight, it remained in the Register's Office of the Diocese.—In answer to the Queries directed by the Commissioners on the Public Records of Ireland, I have little to remark.

(1.)—There is no Library attached to this Cathedral, nor original Records of any nature, except a very old Chapter Book, nearly defaced. The Chapter Acts are in Latin, all seemingly held for the purpose of raising contributions for repairs of the Cathedral, at which time it was not deemed "the Parish Church;" but since, the Act of Parliament was made and passed, for causing all Cathedrals to become the Parish Churches, where the said Churches are in ruins. I find no Chapters have been since held, the Cathedral being now kept up as other Churches, by Cess levied off the Parish. The last Chapter that appears to have been held was in the year 1770.

(2.)—There is no Building of any kind for keeping Records; the Chapter Acts have been always left in the possession of the officiating Clergyman of the Parish.

(3.)—The said Chapter Acts are in a very ruinous state, and nearly defaced; they are recorded in a Book, seemingly without any regularity at present, the leaves being all loose.

(4.)—There are not any Catalogues, Schedules or Indexes, of any Records, nor can I see that any good could arise from any such being made of the Chapter Acts, those being the only Records to be found; nor do I believe that any others respecting this Cathedral, are in the possession of any other Person.

(5.)—I see no other matters, comprised in the Questions sent to me, which appear in the least worthy of remark.

I have the honour to be, Sir, &c.

Robert Nixon,
Curate of the Parish of Killala, and Sub Dean of Killala.
14th January 1811.

Wm Shaw Mason, Esquire,
&c. &c. &c.

V. University, and Colleges.

231. UNIVERSITY OF DUBLIN.

231. University of Dublin.

DEAR SIR, Trinity College Dublin, 3d January 1811.

I DO myself the honour of transmitting to you my Return of MSS. belonging to Trinity College, that relate to the records and history of Ireland, and which are in the custody of myself and my Assistant. In drawing up the Answers to the Queries proposed to me by the Right Honourable and Honourable the Commissioners of Public Records for Ireland, I have omitted no pains or care of mine to make them as full and distinct as possible; and I have every where annexed the places where such MSS. are to be found; and, the more to facilitate the attainment of the objects of the Commissioners, and to prevent unnecessary trouble and expense, I have specified, when it came to my knowledge, the instances in which some of those MSS. had already been published, though I think those MSS. still should be compared with the printed Copies.

I have the honour to be, Dear Sir, &c.

John Barrett, Librarian.

Wm Shaw Mason, Esquire,
&c. &c. &c.

(1.)—I MUST beg leave to observe, that it may not be in my power on every occasion to state whether a MS. be an Original or Copy, on sure and certain grounds; but where I think there are good grounds, I shall there state them. For the sake of order, I shall divide all the MS. Documents under two general heads; the First, Ecclesiastical; the Second, Civil.

Under the Ecclesiastical, I find the following MSS. whose places I have also annexed.

E. 3. 1. Johannis Alani, Archiepiscopi Dubliniensis Rotula nova, seu Repertorium Viride. It treats of the state of the Diocese of Dublin in 1531.—E. 3. 6. Primate Usher's Visitation Book; being an Account and State of the Dioceses of Armagh, Meath, Kilmore, Clogher, Derry, Raphoe and Down, drawn up by their respective Bishops in 1622. This I believe an original, but am dubious as to whether the former is. Of this Visitation Book, so far as relates to the Sees of Armagh and Meath, there is a Copy, in a Book called Foley's Collections, marked F. 1. 22.—E. 3. 13. Miscellanies, which relate chiefly to the dispute about Precedency between the Sees of Armagh and Dublin; also State of the Diocese of Tuam; Successions of Bishops.—E. 3. 14. Visitations and Returns of several Dioceses in Ireland, in the reign of James I.; and State of several Dioceses in the reign of Elizabeth.—E. 3. 15. Valor Beneficiorum Ecclesiasticorum in Hibernia taxatorum diversis temporibus; Abstract of the Money raised by the Pope and Popish Clergy,

upon the Laity of this Kingdom, in the reign of James I. and state of Popery then.—E. 3. 21. Sir Peter Lewis, Chanter of Christ Church Dublin, his Account of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Economy Rents, from 1564 to 1565; also Chapter Acts of Christ Church, from 1574 to 1594. This Book an original Record.—E. 3. 32. The original Registry of the Diocese of Dublin, under Michael Tregury and John Walton, Archbishops.—E. 4. 3. Liber Obituum of Christ's Church, contains much matter relating to Christ's Church, and is the original book; there are Extracts from it in F. 1. 18.—E. 4. 4. Processes in the Court of Prerogative in 1583, concerning the Will of Archbishop Lancaster.—E. 4. 15. Table of all the Procurations, Refections, and Synodals, arising to the several Bishops, out of the Benefices of Meath, Ardagh, Raphoe, Derry, Down, Dromore.—E. 4. 16. Thomas Baughe, Prebendary of St. Michan in 1606, his Book of Entries of all the Leases belonging to Christ Church.—E. 4. 18. Contains a Dissertation on the Erection and Constitution of the Diocese of Ossory, and the Cathedral Church there.—F. 1. 8. Joh^{s} Alani Arp̃i Dubliniensis: Registrum Vulgo dictum Liber niger. I believe this to be a copy. It seems to be a valuable Book; referred to by Ware.—F. 1. 10. Proceedings of the Lower House of Convocation in 1703.—F. 3. 14. The original Journal of the Acts and Proceedings of the Lower House of Convocation, in 1703, 4 & 5; D^{o} in 1711 and 1712.—F. 3. 24. Acts of the Lower House of Convocation in Ireland, in 1703; and among MSS. lately added by purchase, is one entitled, Proceedings in the Upper House of Convocation in Ireland, in 1707.

I have here assembled together all the MSS. relating to the Convocation in the reign of Queen Anne; and now return to the other MSS. in their regular order in the Catalogue.

F. 1. 15. 16. Collectanea Varia de rebus Monasticis Hiberniæ, 2 vols.; Ex Registris domuum religiosarum et aliis Recordis Authenticis.—F. 1. 17. Chapter Book of St. Patrick's, from 1670 to 1678; original.—F. 1. 20. Among many other pieces in this Volume, is a Rent Roll of Lands, with an Abstract of Leases of the Archbishop of Dublin, and Dean and Chapter of Christ Church.—F. 3. 16. Collections relating to Ireland. In this Volume are to be found many articles relating to Church affairs; Memoirs of Bale, Bishop of Ossory; Sir John Davys, concerning Corbes and Herenachs. On this last subject in E. 3. 16. is a Treatise by William Daniel; and in D. 3. 16. may be found the Observations of James Ussher on the original and first Institution of Corbes, Herenachs and Termon Lands. This MS. should be compared with the printed Copies of it; one of which is, I believe, in Vallancey's Collectanea.—F. 3. 17. Contains among other things, the State of the Diocese of Dublin in 1630.—F. 3. 28. An Aphorismical Discovery of Treasonable Faction, by N. S. who styles himself Secretary to Owen Roe O'Neal. It is an account of most passages of the Roman Catholic Clergy, and Army in Ireland, from 1641 to 1653, with copies of many Bulls, Letters, &c. from the Pope, &c. &c.—F. 4. 14. Letters from the several Internuncios, &c. in the reigns of Charles I. and II.; Chapter Acts of several Provincial Orders of Roman Catholics, in the reign of Charles II.; original Letters of Cardinals, &c. to Father Peter Walsh, delivered up to the King and Council, to prove the traitorous designs of the Romish Clergy in Ireland, with the King and Council's Orders thereon in 1670; Rents belonging to St. John's Church.—F. 4. 20. Nicholas French, (titular Bishop of Ferns) his Apology for himself and other Catholics.—F. 4. 22. Charters of the Foundations of certain Religious Houses; Pieces concerning the Revenues of various Sees; Extracts from the Charters and Registers of various Monasteries; Table of Inquisitions concerning Monasteries, which may be found in the Office of the Remembrancer of the Exchequer.—F. 4. 23. Collections concerning Irish Affairs, by Daniel Molyneux, Ulster King at Arms, being Extracts from the Registers of many Religious Houses, &c. from Charters of James E. of Ormonde, from Patent Rolls, &c.—F. 4. 25. Excerpta de inquisitionibus Terrarum et aliarum possessionum Monasteriorum in Hibernia suppressorum; Excerpta e Registro Auditoris Generalis de Concessionibus terrarum prædictarum; Excerpta e Rotulis Cancellariæ de eadem re.—F. 4. 29. Registrum Originale Monasterii Omnium Sanctorum juxta Dublin. This Book, though denominated thus, seems to me not to have been the original, because it is dated as written in 1551, which was after the Suppression.—F. 4. 30. Has, among various other things, the Charter of Foundation of the Monastery of Newry, and Years of Foundations of Monasteries.—G. 3. 2. Act of State concerning the Lands and Houses of Ecclesiastical Persons in Ireland, 17th March 1616.—D. 3. 15. Excerpta ex registro Clochorensi.—D. 3. 16. Usserii Miscellanea (referred to above;) and, besides the Treatise there mentioned, contains, Collectanea Varia de rebus Britannicis et Hibernicis; De rebus Hibernicis ex Necrologio fratrum Minorum Galveiæ et Missali Ecclesie Douthensis; Orationes de origine et progressu Graduum Academicorum, et de Statu Reipublicæ Literariæ in Hibernia; Commentariolus de Christiana Religione et bonarum Artium in Hibernia, origine et progressu.—D. 3. 20. Usserii Miscellanea. This Volume has Catalogus Episcoporum Hiberniæ; Ex Archivis regiis et aliunde, de Cancellaria St. Patricii Dublin; Catalogus et Historia Scriptorum Hiberniæ.—Among those not entered in the Catalogue, is also a Visitation of the Diocese of Derry in 1680.

So far as relates to MSS. respecting the Civil Affairs of Ireland.

E. 2. 14. Contains the state of the County of Clare when it was first made a County; also, the Contents of four Books of Irish History, formerly belonging to Sir Geo. Carew, and afterwards given to the Bodleian Library by Abp. Laud.—E. 3. 4. Index sive Liber Repertorius omnium Inquisitionum et Rotulorum Regalium Servitiorum, a 20 Ric. II. ad 19 Eliz. remanentium in Officio Capitalis Rememoratoris Scaccarii Hiberniæ, factus per Walterum

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Walterum Harold.—E. 3. 7. Inquisitions, chiefly taken in Connaught, in 14, 15 Jas. I.; also the Crown Rents of Ireland, and a Lease of the King's Customs in 10 James I.—E. 3. 8. Miscellanies; chiefly relating to Ireland, in various years.—E. 3. 10. Miscellanies, collected by Primate Ussher, concerning Irish affairs. Here are Tables of Charters from various Registries; Ussher's Accounts of Irish Acts, in Henry IV. and VI.; Pieces on Irish affairs, extracted from the Archives of the Tower, Castle of Dublin, Parliament Rolls, and various Annals; Tyrone's Letters to the Roman Catholics, &c.—E. 3. 11. Case's Chronicle or Annals of the Monastery of the Virgin Mary.—E. 3. 18. Modus tenendi Parliamenta in Hibernia Ordinatus per Henricum II. and an Exemplification of it by Henry III.; certain Annals and Chronicles; original Letters from Sr R. Bingham, and from Lord Deputy and Council. This again, in E. 4. 5.—E. 3. 20. Annals of Ireland, from various Authors; viz. Register of Clogher, from an old Roll, Annals by Dowling, Grace, Clynne; from the Monastery of Dunbrothy, Abbatia Buellensis, Red Book of Exchequer, Black Book of Christ Church, White Book of D^e; from Annals of Ulster, Gildas, Nennius.—E. 3. 22. Annals of Ireland, from 1162 to 1579; Flatisbury's Chronicle.—E. 3. 28. Chronicles of Ireland; Lands in Counties Dublin and Waterford, with the Services by which they are held of the Queen.—E. 3. 33. Chr. Cusack's Collections concerning Ireland, chiefly Meath, of which he was Sheriff, in 1511.—E. 3. 34. Copy of James the 1st's Order for enrolling the several Inquisitions in the Six escheated Counties in the North; with a Recital of the Inquisitions.—E. 4. 11. Chr. Ussher's short Memoirs of Ireland.—E. 4. 23. Chronicles, both of Irish and English Affairs, from 1066 to 1235.—E. 4. 17. Journey of Sir H. Sidney, Lord Lieutenant, in 1569, against Rebels; also of Sir William Fitzwilliam, against the Earl of Desmond.—E. 4. 33. Names of the Noblemen and Gentlemen, Inhabitants of the several Counties of Ireland.—F. 1. 2. Sir William Davys's Collections.—F. 1. 3. Liber irrotulamentorum Literarum Patentium sub magno Sigillo Hiberniæ, annis 9, 10, 11, 12 Car. I.—and F. 1. 9. Liber irrotulamentorum Literarum Patentium sub magno Sigillo Hiberniæ, annis 12, 13 Car. I.—and F. 3. 29, 30. Entries of the Enrolments of many Letters Patent, Wards and Liveries, Licences and Alienations, made in the reign of Charles I. from the 5th to the 9th year of that reign; in two Vols.—F. 1. 12. Book of Entries of Leases made by the Court of Wards in Ireland, from 3d to 8th year of Charles I.; and for those made in 2d and 3d years of Charles I. *see* F. 3. 22.—F. 1. 6. Journal of the Proceedings of the House of Lords, that met at Dublin 14th July 1634, to 15th April 1635. N. B. Having compared this with the printed Journals, I find it to contain more matter; being not so much a Journal, as rather the Debates of the House. The MSS. F. 1. 1. F. 1. 4. and F. 1. 5. which are also Journals of the same House, from 8th May 1661 to 7th August 1666, from 16th March 1639 to 2d May 1640, and from 14th July 1634 to 18th April 1635, differ in nothing from what is printed, except that the 2d contains the List of Boroughs questioned by the Attorney General as to their right of sending Members.—F. 1. 18. Has a great collection of Annals; and Excerpta ex Annalibus Multifarnam, Innisfallen, B. Mariæ Virg^is Dublin, Dungallensibus, &c.; several pieces, relating to several Bishops; Names of the Arms in the Records of Birmingham Tower, &c.—F. 1. 20. Some Tracts, relating to the Plantation of Ireland by James I. and in 1660; also to the Gold Crown and the Gold found in the King's County, in 1670.—F. 1. 21. Has some particulars relative to Ireland; viz. English Names that came into Ireland with the Conquest, with the Names of the Inhabitants of the several Provinces.—F. 1. 22. Foley's Collections: has an Alphabetical Index to all the Patentee Estates, shewing the Names of Tenants, how claiming, in what County, number of Acres, and the King's Rent; also, A Defence of the Settlement of Ireland, in answer to Sir Richard Nagle's Letter.

N. B. Among the MSS. not mentioned in our Catalogue, I have met with the following one, whose Title I give here,—"A Collection of all the Proceedings of the Commissioners, from the Convention in Ireland, in the year 1660, and of the Commissioners from the Lords Justices and Council in Ireland, in the year 1661, relating to the Settlement of Ireland; and of his Majesty's Declaration, of 30th November 1660, and the Act of Parliament grounded thereupon, for that purpose: Together with the several Objections made by certain Irish, or Roman Catholics, in behalf of the Irish, against that intended Settlement; and the respective Answers given in by the said Commissioners unto the said Objections: Also, a Collection of several other Papers, Orders, Oaths, Declarations, &c. to which the Commissioners, in their Proceedings and Pleadings against those Irish, had reference; all at large, and set down in the same order as they were delivered unto his Majesty in the above years." Whether this MS. was ever printed, I know not; I have consulted Cox's Ireland, and Carte's Ormond, and find it not; but believe, that in the 3d Volume of the last-mentioned Work the pieces marked C. CXIV. CXXXVII. may perhaps be the same as are found in this MS. but must refer for that to an examination of the MS. itself. See Preface to Carte's Ormond. This MS. seems to me to be valuable.

F. 2. 1. Collections relating to the King's Revenue; the Plantation of Counties, between 1600 and 1669; many Parliamentary Papers; Rules of the Lord Lieutenant and Council in 1671, for regulating the Corporation of Dublin. This Volume relates almost solely to Ireland.—F. 2. 2. &c. The Originals of the Depositions, or authentic Copies, relative to the Rebellion in 1641, in 33 vols. folio. In the 32d Volume of these are many Pieces relating to Irish history, between 1642 and 1648.—F. 3. 13. Notæ ex Memorandis sive Recordis Hiberniæ in Turre de Birmingham.—F. 3. 15. Collections relating to the Plantation of Ireland, chiefly

chiefly in the reigns of Eliz. James I. and Charles I.; Papers relative to the Revenue, between 1670 and 1683.—F. 3. 16. Collections relating to Ireland; Excerpta ex Registro Ecclesiæ S^{ti} Patricii, et Turre de Birmingham. The three first articles of this Volume were printed in his Hibernica, by Walter Harris, in 1747. In the same Work of Harris is printed Nicholas Pynnar's Survey, from a MS. of T. C. D. marked F. 1. 19. and entitled, "The Original of Nich. Pynnar's Survey" (for Nic. Pynnar, see Lodge's Desiderata Curiosa Hibernica, Vol. 2. pp. 43. 46.) In like manner, from a MS. of T. C. D. marked F. 4. 30. the same W. Harris published in that Work these two pieces; Voyage of Sir Richard Edgecombe, and Story of Richard IId's Expedition into Ireland. Pat. Finglas's (Baron of the Exchequer, under Henry VIII.) Breviate of the getting of Ireland and Decay of the same, occurs among the MSS. in D. 3. 16. and I believe is printed also by Harris.—F. 1. 7. This Volume contains various Pieces relating to Ireland, together with Excerpta, from Annals. In it are found, Sir Richard Bolton's Declaration, and Mayart's Answer to it; both which were published by Walter Harris, in the 2d Vol. of his Hibernica, Dubl. 1750; and, as himself says in the Preface, from this book.—F. 3. 17. Collections, relating chiefly to Ireland; viz. Contents of the Red Council Book, from 24 Henry VIII. to 6 Edward VI.; Alphabetical Table to the Collection of Letters concerning the Public Affairs of Ireland, in the reign of James I. as contained in the Council Books, Records copied from Birmingham Tower, &c.—F. 3. 18. Letters concerning the Public Affairs of Ireland, from 1647 to 1679. I believe they are all original. The first is from Oliver Cromwell. Some relate to the Act of Settlement.—F. 3. 20. State Letters, written in the latter end of the reign of Queen Eliz. and beginning of James I. Some of them relate to Irish affairs.—E. 2. 19. In this wooden Case, marked "Rolls," are four original Letters of James II. and one of Marshal Berwick, in May, &c. 1689; also King Charles the 1st's Letter in favour of Joseph Avery.—F. 4. 5. The Roll for rating the Proportion of the Subsidy to be paid, 8th July 1615, at the Castle of Dublin; Letters Patent, dated 23 Henry VIII. for creating Sir P. Butler E. of Ossory; Act of Parliament, for confirming the title and dignity of the E. of Ormond, exemplified under the Great Seal, in 35 Henry VIII.; Queen Elizabeth's Exemplification of an Act of Parliament for ditto, in 15th of her reign. Seem to be all originals.—F. 4. 3. An Alphabetical List of such Irish Protestants as fled from Ireland under the reign of James II.; their Condition, Families, Estates real and personal, &c.—F. 4. 12. Forms used in creating several Irish Peers, and admitting some into the House of Lords.—F. 4. 15. This Volume contains, among others already mentioned, Concessiones terrarum ex Rotulis Cancellariæ Hiberniæ; the Military Establishment in 1689; List of King William's Forces in Ireland.—F. 4. 16. Proceedings in the High Court of Justice at Dublin, in 1652, 1653, and 1654; Judgment pronounced against Sir Phelim O'Neale; Journals and Notes on the Marches of the English Army, from 1649 to 1651; Sieges of Limerick, in 1642 and 1651.—F. 4. 20. Thomas Lee's Declaration of the Government of Ireland, presented to Queen Elizabeth in 1594; printed by Lodge, in the Desiderata Curiosa Hibernica, vol. 1. p. 87.—F. 4. 22. Collections concerning Irish Affairs, viz. Charters, and King's Letters, concerning the Honors, Lands, &c. of some old Irish Peers; Extracts from the Rolls of Chancery of Ireland; Tables of Inquisitions post Mortem of Lands, which are preserved in the Office of the Remembrancer of the Exchequer.—F. 4. 24. Collections concerning Irish Affairs, viz. Ancient Prices of Labour; Names of Mayor and Bailiffs of Cork, Waterford, Limerick, Dublin, &c.—F. 4. 25. Excerpta ex Inquisitionibus post Mortem Multorum Nobilium Hiberniæ.—F. 4. 26. Formulæ Chartarum Relaxationum Indenturarum Literarum Attornatus Testamentorum et Instrumentorum aliorum; ancient Office of Justices of Peace, and the Practice of Courts Leet.—F. 4. 28. Names of the Lords Chancellors, Treasurers, Judges, Masters of the Rolls, and Justices of Assize, that have been formerly in Ireland; Names of the chief English Families in Ireland, mentioned in the Records of Bermingham Tower, arranged alphabetically; Patentee Officers in Ireland, appointed by Charles II.—F. 4. 30. Collections concerning Irish Affairs; viz. Extracts from Archives in the Tower, Chronicles, Registers, Proclamation declaring Henry VIII. King of Ireland, in June 1541.—G. 3. 1. Letters Patent for creating the Star Chamber in Dublin, in 1 Charles I. (see also G. 4. 6.;) Causes to be tried in that Court; Trials in the Castle Star Chamber of Dublin, in the reigns of Eliz. James I. and Charles I.—G. 3. 2. Propositions concerning the Government of Ireland, in 1631; Directions of James I. for ordering and settling the Courts, and other Matters, in Ireland; Proclamation of ditto, for reforming Abuses in Weights; Ditto of Lord Deputy and Council of Ireland for same, in 1627.—G. 3. 14. Proclamations of James I.; Queries, concerning the Liberties of the People of Ireland; Case of Tenures upon the Commission of defective Titles, argued by all the Judges of Ireland, 1637.—G. 4. 5. Trial of Sir John Perrot, Lord Deputy of Ireland.—G. 4. 12. Sir Richard Bingham's Letter, of his March in Connaught.—C. 5. 8. Annales Angliæ & Hiberniæ dicti Annales de Multifernam, ab 1045 ad 1275.

Among the MSS. not entered in the Catalogue, are the following:

1st. A Copy of the Commons Journals from 1613 to 1666, which belonged to William Molyneux, abridged. In it are some loose sheets, which contain a Copy of Sir John Davis's Speech to the Lord Deputy in 1613. This Speech is printed in the Appendix to the 2d Vol. of his History of Ireland, by Dr. Leland; but the MS. Copy is I believe much larger.—2d. Clark's Correspondence. This Work is quoted by Dr. Leland; it is in four Vols. 4to, and thus entitled, "Original Correspondence of the Transactions, from 2d June 1690, to 7th December 1691, being the Papers of George Clarke, then Secretary at War."—3. A Port Folio, con-

taining Maps and Surveys of Ireland, reign of Elizabeth.—4th. Irish Politics, or History of Proceedings in the Irish House of Commons, in 1737.—5th. A large Collection of Charters, de Rebus Hibernicis, from 1246 to 1691 (exclusive of those whose dates are not ascertained.) They are entitled, "Chartæ regiæ, Feoffamenta, Indenturæ, et alia Munimenta de rebus Hibernicis." But few are from the Crown, as they mostly relate to the transactions between private persons. Among them is the original Ratification of the Articles of Capitulation of Galway, by William and Mary, in 1691.—The following particulars concerning these Charters, I have copied from the MS. Catalogue, to whose pages I refer:—"p. 268. Edw. II. Concedit Custodiam duorum Messuagiorum, &c. anno 1325.—p. 269. Edward III. Vice Comiti Midiæ de Querela Joh' filii Joh' Moenes, qui sine Judicio dissesitus fuerat de libero tenemento suo in Flemington juxta Balyrath, 1327. —p. 278. Breve Edward III. Regis, pro componendo debitum de £.33. 11. 0. etiamque £.3. pro damnis recuperatis versus Walter Passauaunt, 1364.—p. 280. Breve Edm. de Mortuomari comitis Marchiæ et Ultoniæ, &c. Vice Comiti libertatis Midiæ, &c. 1374.—p. 283. Walter Eure, Deputatus Rad Standish Escaetoris Regis, Exemplificat (super Breve Ad quod damnum) Literas Patentes datas 3 Edw. III.—p. 285. Exemplificatio Irrotulamenti Recordi et Processus pro recuperando ad Querelam Thomæ Ferrens a Rolando Fitzmaurice unum Messuagium, &c. 1410.—Exemplificatio Irrotulamenti Recordi Assisæ, 1410.—p. 292. Declaration and Certificate of Richard Allen, Notary, 1469. [This relates to an alteration or erasure in some Record.]—p. 294. Letters Patent of Edward IV. 1479.—Ditto of William and Mary confirming the Articles of Galway, 1691."—Also Popes Bulls in 1503, 1644, 1655.—Inquisitions taken in 1511, 1515, 1597. —Fiats, 1562.

I should also observe, that in a wooden Case, entitled, "Rolls," marked E. 2. 19. among other pieces, not relating to Ireland, is one thus marked, "Catalogue of the Mayors and Bailiffs of the City of Dublin, from 1st of Henry V. to 26th Henry VIII."

J. Barrett.

Answers to the Queries on the subject of Original Documents laid up and preserved in the Library of Trinity College Dublin, among its MSS.

(2. & 3.)—These MSS. (which are the property of Trinity College Dublin) are preserved in a Room at the East end of its Library, whence they are not permitted to be taken, nor even inspected, but in the presence of the Librarian. This Room is not opened for reading, in the same manner as the outside Library, nor is it ever permitted to be opened, unless the Librarian be present. These measures are required by our Statutes, and diligently observed for the purpose of Preservation of the MSS., and to render them as authentic documents as possible. There is a Catalogue of these MSS. which was drawn up, as I have heard and believe, by the late Doctor Lyon, about the year 1745, as near as I can conjecture; it certainly was after 1741, and before 1748. This Catalogue is very well drawn up, the Author of it having had the advantage of the more ancient Catalogues, in his composing it. But as several MSS. have been either purchased by the College, or presented to it, since the time of drawing up said Catalogue, it falls short of being a perfect Catalogue, so far as relates to them. But it is not to be understood that no account of these Books is to be found in the Catalogue; on the contrary, I have taken care to have all these entered at the end of the Catalogue, with every particular relative to them that came to my knowledge. The reasons of drawing up the Catalogue by Doctor Lyon were these: 1st. The Library had been lately built and opened at that time; and as a new arrangement was then made of the Books in MS. a new Catalogue of course became necessary. 2dly. In the year 1741, Doctor Stearne, Bishop of Clogher, and Vice Chancellor of the University, gave a valuable Collection to the College, of MSS. relative to Ireland. These MSS. had, many of them, been collected by John Madden; and they, as well as those belonging to T. C. D. are mentioned in the printed Work, Oxford 1697, published as I believe by Tanner, and entitled, "Catalogus MSS. Angliæ et Hiberniæ." These MSS. given by Stearne were so considerable an addition, that a new Catalogue became absolutely necessary. In this new Catalogue, the MSS. are arranged in a very good order, so that any alteration would be a change for the worse; and all the MSS. are in good Preservation.

(4.)—I think there was one measure omitted, at the time when the Catalogue was drawn up, and which would have been of some use to the Public, had it been adopted. This would have consisted in connecting the MS. Catalogue drawn up by Doctor Lyon, with the printed Catalogue published in 1697; for this last being in the hands of the Public, could be consulted by much more persons than the MS. Catalogue, lying in the MS. Room, and accessible only through the medium of the Librarian. This end would have been accomplished by interleaving, with leaves of writing-paper, the printed Catalogue of 1697, and on those leaves writing, opposite to each book, its new place. By this means, a reference might easily be made in the margin of the present MS. Catalogue to each book, referring to its ancient place in the printed Catalogue; and thus both Catalogues connected together, and all the Books mentioned in the Catalogue of 1697, proved to exist also in that of 1745. As matters at present stand, the printed Catalogue of 1697 is of little use. The measure above suggested, derives its importance (if it be of any importance) solely from the change in the arrangement and places of the MSS. that was made when a new Library was erected.

(5.)—I would

(5.)—I would beg leave to mention the printed Work I have above spoken of, as a Publication, from the consulting of which the Record Commission may derive much light, both in England and Ireland, with respect to the ancient Documents relative to both Countries, and preserved in various Collections. In that Work, of which there are two Copies in the College Library, and which is no uncommon book, the MSS. belonging at present to the College, are entered under the heads of T. C. D. and of John Madden, and perhaps of John Stearne. I have also to observe, that though these MSS. are in very good condition and preservation, generally speaking, yet they are extremely difficult in many instances to be read, owing chiefly to the various contractions of words, used by their different Writers; and I must further observe, that to this cause, viz. the difficulty of reading them, it is to be principally ascribed that the Public have not derived so much advantage from consulting them as they otherwise might have done; for the College has upon all occasions given the most free and liberal access to all who wished to inspect and consult them.

John Barrett.

A Supplement to the Return of the University of Dublin; being an Addition to the Librarian's Answer to the First Quere.

Supplement to the foregoing Return.

G. 1. 8. Liber Rubeus scaccarii Angliæ ex originali libro studio Nich. Caroli Lancaster Heraldi, 1581.—G. 1. 20. State Letters of Sir Fr. Walsingham; also, Instructions and Dispatches to and from him, when Embassador to France, in 1570, and thence to 1573.—G. 2. 16, 17. The Letters and Dispatches of Joseph Avery, Embassador from Charles I. to the King of Denmark.—E. 1. 4. Index Inquisitionum Escaetorum Terrarum in Anglià quæ inveniuntur in Turri Londini et nomina custodum Angliæ sub Edw. I.—E. 1. 5. Registrum Mathæi Parker, Archiep. Cantuariensis.—E. 1. 6. Arguments used in the Pleadings for and against disfranchising the City of London, in 1682.—E. 1. 7. Various Papers, relating chiefly to English history and affairs.—E. 1. 10. Contains two Letters of Sir Ph. Sidney, and several Pieces relating to the reigns of Elizabeth and James I.—E. 1. 11. Relates to legal Proceedings in the Court of Common Pleas, 23d May 1611.—E. 1. 12. Pieces written by John Seldon.—E. 1. 13. Florence of Worcester's Chronicle: His Historical Works are in E. 5. 23. and also in E. 6. 4.—E. 1. 15. Relates to English affairs; has several Chronicles in the reigns of Henry VIII. and Edward VI.—E. 1. 25. Leicester's Commonwealth; iterum E. 2. 18. E. 5. 27. F. 4. 21.—E. 1. 26. Chronicles of English Affairs, from 1327 to 1551.—E. 1. 27. Chronica Anglia ad 1349. An original, and belonged to John Catesby in the reign of Edward IV.—E. 1. 28. Has the Coronation, Death, and Burial of Anne Bullen; the Interments of divers Royal and Noble Persons; Ceremonies observed at a Royal Coronation, Marriage, &c.—E. 1. 34. Speeches of Sir Nich. Bacon.—E. 1. 35. Thomas Walsingham, part of his History; and Nennius's History; contains more than is printed by Gale.—E. 1. 36. Relates to English affairs in reign of James I.—E. 2. 7. Sundry Tracts relating to English History and Law, in reign of Charles I.—E. 2. 8. Proceedings in the High Commission Court, against Vicars, in 1631.—E. 2. 9. Remembrances of the Parliament holden at Westminster April 1571.—E. 2. 10. History of the Parliament holden 3d Nov. 1640.—E. 2. 11. Abstract of the Valuation of all the Lands belonging to the Religious Houses in England, as also to the Bishops, from the Records of the First Fruits.—E. 2. 13. Discourse on the Authority and Priviledge of Parliament.—E. 2. 15. Caxton's History of Albion, to the reign of Henry V.—E. 2. 16. Proceedings in the Exchequer, in 1632, against certain Persons who bought in Impropriations for the use of the Church.—E. 2. 17. Proceedings in the Star Chamber against Prynne, &c. in 1633, 1634.—E. 2. 19. Rolls.—E. 2. 21. Eadmeri historia ad 1122.—E. 2. 22. Concilia decreta Leges et constitutiones Eccl. Britanniæ.—E. 2. 23. Bedæ hist^{a} Ecclesiastica, &c.—E. 2. 24. Galfridi Monmutensis historia Britonum: see also E. 4. 30. E. 5. 2. E. 5. 3. E. 5. 7. E. 5. 12.—E. 2. 27. An ancient History of England, to the deposing of Henry VI.—E. 2. 28. Fordon's Scotochronicon.—E. 5. 1. Gildas and Nennius.—E. 5. 4. History of Britain, by John de Trevisa.—E. 5. 8. Thomas Walsingham's History.—E. 5. 9. Has several things relating to the City of London, its Charter, &c.—E. 5. 10. Has some English Chronicles.—E. 5. 11. Repertorium Variarum Chartarum et Instrumentorum secundum legem et consuetudinem Regni Angliæ a Gul. Kingsmill, &c.—E. 5. 13. Modus tenendi Curias; Cartuaria seu Formulæ Chartarum.—E. 5. 15. Registrum originale Monasterii de Thorne in Diocesi Exoniensi.—E. 5. 16. Statuta Angliæ a 1° Edward III. ad 4 Ric. II.; item E. 6. 3.—E. 5. 17. Journal of the Debates and Proceedings of the House of Commons of England, from May 1st to June 10th, 1626.—E. 5. 19. Chron. Anglo-saxonica ad A. D. 1002, per Gul. Lambard.—E. 5. 22. Chron. of English Affairs, taken from Polydore Virgil, &c.—E. 5. 32. Collectio Brevium Veterum.—E. 5. 37. Five Volumes of Debates and Proceedings of the English Parliament in the year 1628.

232. COLLEGE OF MAYNOOTH.

SIR, Meath-street, Dublin, 6th November 1810.

232. College of Maynooth.

IN answer to the Queries directed by the Right honourable the Commissioners on the Public Records of Ireland, I can state authentically, as Secretary to the Trustees, and Librarian of the Roman Catholic College, that there are not in the Library of said College, or in any other Repository belonging thereto, any original Records, Rolls, Instruments, or Manuscript Books and Papers, containing any Acts or Proceedings by Royal, Parliamentary, Judicial, or other Public Authority; nor are there in the custody of the Trustees, or any Officer of the College, any authentic Manuscript Copies of any such original Manuscript Records, Rolls, &c.

I have the honour to be, Sir, &c.

And^w Dunn.

To Wm Shaw Mason, Esquire,
&c. &c. &c.

233. ARMAGH.

RETURN of William Lodge, LL.D. CHANCELLOR of the Cathedral, and LIBRARIAN of the Public Library at Armagh, to the QUERIES to him transmitted by the Right Honourable the Commissioners on the Public Records in Ireland.

233. College of Armagh.

(1.)—THERE is no College at Armagh, properly so called: The Vicars Choral of the Cathedral, in their Charter of Incorporation, anno 1634, are styled "The Royal College of Vicars;" and the Free Grammar School is vulgarly called a College; but neither of these Foundations possesses any Archives, original Rolls, Records, or MSS. of any kind or nature whatever.

(2.)—There is a Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral; which also has no Archives, original or other Papers, excepting those containing Entries of its annual and occasional Acts, Accompts, and Succession and Installation of its Members.

(3.)—There is a Public Library at Armagh, built, endowed, and for the most part furnished with Books, by the late Primate Robinson; the Visitation and Oversight of which is vested, by stat. 13, 14 Geo. III. chap. 40. in the Primate, Dean, and Chapter, &c.: but said Library contains no original Records, Rolls, &c. either printed or manuscript, or MS. Copies of the same.

(4.)—There is a Record Room, built also by Primate Robinson, opposite to the West end of the Cathedral, as a safe Repository for Papers of consequence, whether of a public or private nature, being flagged and vaulted, &c.; the lower part assigned to the Register of the Diocese for an Office; the upper, or Gallery, for Papers as above mentioned; the Key, by the Primate's Will, to be kept by the Librarian pro tempore. In this Gallery there are some MS. Papers, but of little consequence, mostly respecting the See of Armagh; viz. old Rent Rolls, Surveys and Maps of its Estates, Ditto of the Glebes of some Parishes, Lists of Town Lands of same, &c. The most important are the following; viz. 1. State of the Dioceses of Raphoe, Derry, and Dromore, 1727; Ditto of Ardagh, Kilmore, Clogher, 1733.—2. Regal Visitation of Dioceses of Down and Connor in 1693, 2 Vols. folio.—3. Suit respecting Patronage of Vic. of Donaghadee, between Primate Stone and Lord Mc Alexander, and Judgment in same, 4 Vols. folio.—4. Acta Convocationū Hiberniæ, 1639, 1661, 1703.

William Lodge.

Armagh, 12th January 1811.

234. COLLEGE OF KILKENNY.

SIR, College Kilkenny, January 10th, 1811.

234. College of Kilkenny.

INDISPOSITION alone could prevent me from transmitting, through you, the desired information; this information lies within a very narrow compass. Here there is no College Library. The Master for the time being may have a large or small collection of Books, but they are his private property. I have in my possession one, and but one, Record, which is a Charter granted to the College of Kilkenny by James Duke of Ormond, and executed on the 18th of March 1680; and which, as it seems to be rather of a private nature, is not perhaps to be classed among those Instruments which are the objects of the Commissioners research.

I have the honour to be, Sir, &c.

A. O'Callaghan.

Wm Shaw Mason, Esquire,
&c. &c. &c.

235. COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS.

SIR,

I HAD the honour of receiving the Queries enclosed to me last September by the Record Commission. On account of my being in the country, I handed the Papers to Doctor Hopkins, the President of the College of Physicians, requesting him to make the inquiry, and return it to you. On receipt of your favour of the 18th ult°, I applied for the Paper and Answer to the Queries, and find, by some mischance, the Paper has been, at least for the present, lost. I hope, however, it will be of no material consequence, as I can inform you there is no Document or Record in our Library, or in the possession of the College of Physicians, unless the Charter of Incorporation, and the Title Deeds to Sir Patrick Dunn's Estates, be considered as such.

Kingston, Rathdrum, 6th January 1811.

I have the honour to be Sir, &c.

Daniel Mills.

Wm Shaw Mason, Esquire,
&c. &c. &c.

236. COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.

Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland.
Dublin, January 20th, 1811.

SIR,

I AM directed to inform you, in reply to your Letter of the 18th of September last, that there are not in the Library of this College any original Records, Rolls, Instruments, Registers, or Manuscript Books or Papers, containing any Acts or Proceedings by Royal, Parliamentary, Judicial, or other public Authority, except the Charter of Incorporation, which is in the custody of the Assistant Secretary of the College, and is kept in an Iron Safe at the College, St. Stephen's Green Dublin; and that the said Charter is in a state of perfect Preservation.

I have the honour to be, Sir, &c.

J. Henthorn,
Secretary.

Wm Shaw Mason, Esquire,
&c. &c. &c.

VI. Inns of Court, and Public Libraries.

237. LIBRARIAN TO THE SOCIETY OF KING'S INNS.

RETURN of BARTHOLOMEW THOMAS DUHIGG, to the QUERIES sent to him by order of the Commissioners for Irish Records, relative to the King's Inns Library.

(1.)—I SHALL review the Questions in such manner as appears to my humble judgment most respectful to the Commissioners, in being auxiliary to their important duty, which bears a double aspect, by blending a solemn inquiry into existing Muniments, with a provident care to preserve them and all future National Records, for remote posterity. My mode shall therefore be to set out and explain fully and precisely, whatever Manuscripts are contained in the King's Inns Library; whereby the Board will be enabled to appreciate their importance, whether bearing an original stamp, or containing materials already ascertained and known.

No public or professional Library appertained to the legal body until the year 1787, or was brought into view until the year 1792. The Collection formed part of the library of Christopher Robinson, Esquire, senior Puisne Justice of His Majesty's Court of King's Bench, and contained no Manuscripts, except a few Journals of Parliament, now of little value, in consequence of the publication of an accurate and improved edition.—A Doctrina Placitandi, incorporated with references to original authorities, preceding as well as cotemporary and subsequent Reports. Its professional value can be presumed by observing, that it was the compilation of that enlightened common lawyer and accomplished chancellor, Charles Earl Camden.—A few folio volumes, which contain the Opinions of English Crown Lawyers on important points of Prerogative and Revenue, together with other original matter. The preservation of such documents appeared to me becoming a legal Society, and not even unworthy the attention of Government. This practice has been regularly observed in Scotland, and lately recommended by the Record Commissioners of that Kingdom, as well as their Deputies, who have thus unanimously considered them a portion of National Muniments.—Original authentic transactions of the King's Inns Society are also preserved in a Manuscript folio, entitled, The Black Book. A perusal of it led me to a publication of the History of the King's Inns, and the King's Inns Remembrances; for attachment to the legal Union of both Islands, as well as a regard to the dignity of my profession, bound me to compare the original Acts of its Members with the movements of cotemporary innovation. The Book is nearly as singular in its frame, as in the matter contained: A few pages exhibit Entries of Members, in the Latin language; some annual Accounts of King's Inns Treasurers are also in Latin; whilst others, of an earlier period, appear in the mother tongue. The pages are marked in legal form like Coke on Littleton; the size of the

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237. Librarian to the Society of King's Inns.

book is also nearly similar, but many leaves are unwritten upon; the actual contents could therefore be compressed within a book of half the compass. The Society was in abeyance during the Civil Wars, but emerged amid the gloom of Cromwellian Usurpation, and exhibits an Entry of Members and their transactions, in English. As this legislative and republican reform was repealed on the Restoration, it is matter of surprize that the Society did not resume the ancient mode. In three or four subsequent instances, Latinism prevails; but with these exceptions, the English language supersedes its classic predecessor. To detail this Book in that variety of views which its perusal will present to a legal mind, must not only exceed my capacity, but the limits of propriety impliedly prescribed by the Questions. Should the Board order that venerable legal document to be printed, the Original can be preserved with becoming care, a proper Index formed, Notes also explanatory of History and Law, or illustrative of distinguished Individuals, may be added by the Editor. Such commentary can furnish collateral authenticity and explanation to doubtful or forgotten principles of our ancient Constitution; and the King's Inns Society thence appear peculiarly entitled to national respect or remembrance, being the principal hive, whence have sprung most of those illustrious Irishmen who sustained the military character of their Country, guided her public councils, or fixed her literary fame. As I was convinced that several Books and Documents disappeared, both from accident and design, I had recourse to that volume of Lodge's MS. entitled, a List of the King's Inns Members: this research confirmed preceding suspicions, for books underwent that gentleman's review, which no longer grace our Treasurer's Office or King's Inns Library: a notable proof of the national benefits which must result from a faithful execution of the Record Commission, whereby documents of the legal body next in value to legislative enactments, or evidences of property, will be regularly arranged and correctly preserved. Thus the internal movements of that Society may second principles of Imperial policy, in preserving as close a resemblance to the parent Societies in London, as local circumstances can warrant or existing Statutes enforce.

(2.)—The preceding Manuscripts form part of the King's Inns Library, and were removed about two years since, by order of the Bench, from a temporary wooden Building, in which they were regularly arranged and classed, to the Council Chamber, and an adjoining room in that new structure, called the Dining Hall. However, these apartments are not adapted to the unforseen change; I therefore form an humble hope, that the adjacent unfinished Building may be speedily proceeded upon, and completed. The original plan was for a Library; and it will form a Repository for Books and Manuscripts, suitable to the dignity of the Profession and Nation. These Buildings stand on ground held under different leases, and taken so lately as the years 1793 and 1794; therefore form no part of the Royal Grants. An Act of Parliament has since passed, which moulded any uncertainty in the tenure into a perpetuity, and concludes with this necessary provision; "That the Society may sue and be sued by the Name of the Society of King's Inns, in any way respecting "the said Lands or the Buildings to be erected thereon." Thus wisely confirming a corporate principle to the object of the Statute, and leaving to the Legal Body, in every other respect, their former position, of a voluntary self-created Society. As to security, the southern wall of the Council Chamber was an intended interior separation from the unfinished Building; its slightness must therefore affect Books or Manuscripts on that side, with a gradual destructive damp; whilst the removal cannot be effected without rendering an apartment, already too small, still more inconvenient.

(3.)—The Black Book fell into my hands with the cover completely broken, and the leaves perfectly loose; its Preservation has been probably owing to a state which rendered it difficult of perusal, and the paper too fragile for modern use. The Book has been carefully bound, the mouldering or broken leaves strengthened, and even its original cover preserved: It thus unites the acts of eminent men two centuries since, with their original signatures, attesting such transactions. The other Manuscript Books are in correspondent Preservation.

(4.)—There are a few blank pages at the end of the Black Book, on which an Index may be formed, or transferred thereto from the printed Copy, should there be an order from this Honourable Board to that effect. There are no Indexes to the other Manuscripts, nor do such seem necessary; except their publication shall be also resolved upon. The Catalogue which I have made of the Library, is in the hands of some of the Profession, and has been used for some years, though not submitted directly, for either plan or execution, to the judgment of the Society; which, however, shall be shortly done.

(5.)—As the state of the Society is now under review, it would ill become me to obtrude an opinion; let me only add what I anticipate, as the result of existing inquiry, that a correct and constitutional establishment of the Legal Body must ever form the strongest link of union between both Islands, and give decisive evidence of the wisdom, as well as public spirit, of such persons as may exert themselves to perfect and perpetuate that settlement.

B. T. Duhigg,
Librarian to the Hon. Society of King's Inns.

238. TREASURER TO THE SOCIETY OF KING'S INNS.

ANSWERS to the QUERIES transmitted to me by the Right Honourable the Commissioners on the Public Records in Ireland.

238. Treasurer to the Society of King's Inns.

(1.)—THE only Manuscripts, Registers, Books or Papers, in my Office, as Treasurer of the Society of King's Inns, relate merely to the transactions of the Society, with respect to its Members, or the ancient property, as well as modern acquisitions of the Society. Many of the older Documents have, it is presumed, been lost. The following is an accurate List of those that remain in my Office;—1st, A Book, called the Green Book: This commences in Easter Term 1712, and ends in Easter Term 1742: It consists principally of the Admissions of Persons to the rank of Benchers, with Regulations of internal Management, Appointment of Chaplains, Treasurers, and Stewards.—2d. A Book, entitled, Admission of Benchers; commencing in Hilary Term 1741, and terminating in Hilary Term 1791: Several Regulations and Orders for internal Management are inserted in this Book.—3d. A Book, entitled, Admission of Barristers; commencing Michaelmas Term 1732, and concluding with Hilary Term 1791.—4th. A Book, entitled, Admission of Attornies; commencing Michaelmas Term 1752, and ending in Hilary Term 1792.—5th. A Book, which contains Entries of Students into the said Society, from the first of Hilary Term 1782 to the 18th of November 1785.—6th. Another Book, for the Admission of Students; commencing 11th January 1786, and ending on the 16th February 1792.—7th. A Book, which contains the Admission of Barristers; commencing Trinity Term 1782, and ending Hilary Term 1792.—Several Books for Admission of Students, from Hilary Term 1792, exclusive, to Trinity Term 1810, inclusive, are also in my Office.

(2.)—These Documents are safely kept in the Office of the Treasurer of the Society.

(3.)—The Documents are in good Preservation.

(4.)—From the nature of the Documents, an Answer to this Question is unnecessary.

(5.)—The Treasurer of the Society is intrusted with the care of these Documents.

(6.)—From respect to the institution of the Record Commission, from which considerable benefit to the Law, Constitution, and History of this Country, is expected, I have answered the preceding Questions fully and accurately; principally to satisfy the Commissioners, that there are not in the custody of the Society of King's Inns, any Records whatsoever within the scope of their investigation, as it appears to me.

I have the honour to be, Sirs,
Your humble servant,
L. Fox.

The Right Honble and Honble the Commissioners on the Public Records in Ireland.

239. MARSH'S LIBRARY.

A RETURN from the LIBRARIAN of the Library founded by the late Narcissus Archbishop of Armagh, at or near St. Sepulchre's, Dublin, to the QUERIES proposed by the Record Commissioners of Ireland.

239. Marsh's Library.

(1.)—THE said Library contains several Manuscripts, which refer to Irish History and Law, as will appear by the following Extract from the Manuscript Catalogue of the Library. The entire Catalogue is not set out, it not being thought necessary to particularize Works of a different import, however original in their nature; besides, the Library is always open for the inspection of the Commissioners, or such Persons as they may please to appoint.

Manuscripts:—Repertorium Viride; Archbishop Alan's Account of the Churches in the Diocese of Dublin; Ecclesiastical Affairs of Ireland; Annales Hiberniæ; State of Ireland from 1640; Court Book of Esker and Cromlin; Liber Niger, seu Registrum Jo. Alani Archiepiscopi Dublin; Royal Grants in Ireland; State and Revenue of Bishops of Meath and Clunmacnoishe, as delivered to the King's Commissioners by J. Usher, 1622; same as returned by Ant. Dopping 1693; Precedents, &c. of the Diocese of Armagh; Liber Precedentium Dud. Loftus; An Answer to Tyrone's seditious Declaration sent to the Popish Priests in the Pale, written probably by Thomas Jones, Bishop of Meath, afterwards Archbishop of Dublin; Jurisdiction of Prerogative Court of Ireland; Practice of Admiralty Court of Dublin; James the 2d's Proclamation for Toleration in Scotland, with Remarks on it; Remarks on two papers on Religion, by Charles II.; Articles of Peace, July 21st 1667, between Charles 2d. States General, Lewis XIV. and King of Denmark; Proposals of Archbishop of Canterbury, with other Bishops, to King James II.

(2.)—The Manuscripts are kept in a particular Class, under lock and key, but always accessible, when the Librarian is requested to shew them. This Library is not a Diocesan Library, nor does it contain any Diocesan Archives. It was built and endowed by the munificence of the above mentioned Prelate, and vested in Trustees, as may appear by an Act of Parliament relative thereto, which passed in the 7th of Queen Anne.

(3.) The

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(3.)—The said Manuscripts are in good condition, and are arranged in a particular Class by themselves, and preserved with the usual attention paid to every part of the Library.

(4.)—The Books in the said Library are properly entered in a Catalogue, consisting of twelve small folio volumes of rough paper; there is a distinct small Catalogue, consisting of a few sheets only, for the Manuscripts. The Librarian does not know of any improvement immediately necessary, but should such hereafter occur to him, he will feel it his duty to submit the same to the Governors and Guardians of the Library.

(5.)—The Librarian cannot suggest any matter, not comprised in the preceding Questions, either expedient or necessary, to render the use of the said Manuscripts more convenient to the Public.

Thomas Craddock, Librarian.

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240. Dublin Society.

240. DUBLIN SOCIETY.

SIR,

IN compliance with your directions, I have the honour to transmit the following Answers to your Queries.—In the Library of the Dublin Society, there are Seventeen MS. Volumes in folio, which had been collected by Walter Harris, and are chiefly in his own handwriting. The ten first Volumes contain Deeds, Patents, Letters, Extracts, and a variety of historical documents relating both to the Civil and Ecclesiastical affairs of Ireland, in a continued series, from the reign of Henry II. included, to that of William III.; including some odd years of his reign, and even some Papers of the time of Queen Anne. There is a Catalogue of the Deeds, &c. contained in those ten Volumes, which was drawn up by Harris himself, with considerable accuracy, particularly as to the dates of each document; it is however incomplete, not coming down later than the 9th of Charles I. A. D. 1633. This Catalogue I call Vol. 11th. No Index to the ten Volumes.—The remaining six Volumes are numbered separately: Volume I. is entitled, Collectanea Rev. admodum Viri Gulielmi King nuper Arpi Dublin de Hospitalibus potissimum Cœnobiis et Monasteriis Hibernicis; Varia etiam alia de Rebus Hibernicis, tam ecclesiasticis, quam civilibus Complectentia. At the end of these Collectanea, there is both a Catalogue and Index; after which come divers Papers and Documents, of which I find neither Catalogue nor Index. Volume II. contains a multitude of historical documents relating to Irish history, copied in great part from Bishop Sterne's Collection; among them are the Annals of Innisfallen, Multifernan, &c.; Extracts from other Irish Annals; besides many other very curious documents. At the beginning of this volume is a Catalogue or Table of Contents: no Index. In Volume III. is comprised a great number of miscellaneous Papers, Deeds, Warrants, Schedules, Inquisitions, &c. &c. There is a Catalogue of them at the beginning of the volume: no Index. Volume IV. contains several old Tracts and Documents relative to divers periods of Irish history, with a Catalogue at the beginning: no Index. Volume V. is by way of Supplement to the ten first volumes, and contains various detached documents, classed under the respective reigns, in chronological order. Scarcely any document occurs before the reign of Edward III. and none after that of Queen Elizabeth. To this Volume there is neither Catalogue nor Index. As to Volume VI. the first part of it contains a mere Catalogue of Manuscripts relating to Irish history, extant in the Lambeth and Chandois Libraries. Then follow some Letters, Extracts from Acts of Parliament, and Historical Memoirs concerning Irish Affairs: of these there is neither Catalogue nor Index.—The Seventeen MS. Volumes now described, were purchased by Parliament from Harris's Widow, for 500*l.* and presented to the Dublin Society. As to the authenticity of the whole Collection, it depends on Harris's authority, at least for a very great part. None of the documents seem to be originals, except perhaps Archbishop King's Collectanea, first volume, second series; the far greatest part of which is not in Harris's handwriting.—These Seventeen Volumes are kept in a particular closet in the Society's Library, and not allowed to be inspected, except for some necessary and useful purpose: This closet is well secured, and dry, so as to leave no apprehension of injury being done to said volumes. They are in general in a good state of Preservation. In two or three of them, however, many of the leaves are loose, and the margins almost worn out; and besides, the handwriting is often very small, and the lines rather too close to each other.

In the Society's Library there are no other MSS. Public Records, Documents, &c. than those contained in the aforesaid Volumes. It is obvious that the completion of the Catalogues, and an Index to the whole Collection, or Indexes to each Volume, would be of very great public benefit. The drawing up of such Index or Indexes would require a great deal of labour, and no small degree of historical and diplomatic knowledge.

I have the honour to be, Sir, &c.

John Lanigan,
Assistant Librarian to the Dublin Society.

Dublin Society House,
November 8th, 1810.

To Wm Shaw Mason, Esquire,
&c. &c. &c.

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241. ROYAL IRISH ACADEMY.

November, 1810.

241. Royal Irish Academy.

IN the Library of the Royal Irish Academy, there is neither Record, Roll, Register, or Manuscript of any kind, as described in the First Quere. There are three Irish Manuscripts; viz. The Book of Balimote; the Book of Lecan; and the Leabar Breac M'Eogain, or the Speckled Book of M'Eogain. They are bound in folio, in tolerable good Preservation; and are said to treat of the history and affairs of Ireland, at very early periods.

Wm Brooke,
Librarian to the Royal Irish Academy,
16, North Cumberland-street.

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242. Dublin Library Society.

SIR,

IN Answer to the Queries sent to the Dublin Library Society, by order of His Majesty's Commissioners on the Public Records, I have the honour to inform you, that there are no original Records, Rolls, Instruments, Registers, or Manuscript Books or Papers, containing any Acts or Proceedings by Royal, Parliamentary, Judicial, or other Public Authority, in the Dublin Library.

I have the honour to be, Sir, &c.

Dublin Library House,
March 6th, 1811.

Arthur Grueber,
Librarian.

Wm Shaw Mason, Esquire.
&c. &c. &c

243. KING'S HOSPITAL.

243. King's Hospital.

SIR,

THE 3d of November last, I received your Letter dated the 18th September last, stating your being directed by the Commissioners on the Public Records in Ireland, to require full and distinct Answers from the Governors of the King's Hospital, to the Five Queries transmitted with your Letter; and I beg leave to give you the following Answers to said Queries; viz.

(1.)—The Governors of the King's Hospital were incorporated by a Patent or Charter of King Charles II. granted in the 23d year of his reign, which Patent or Charter the Governors have in their custody; and it appears by an indorsement thereon, that same was enrolled in the Rolls Office of his Majesty's High Court of Chancery in Ireland, on the 26th day of January in the year 1670; which Charter, and the necessary Deeds, Writings, Books and Papers, of the Governors as a Corporation, are the only Writings or Records in the Archives of this Hospital, or in the custody of the Governors; and they do not know of any Records, Deeds, Writings, Books or Papers, that belong to said Hospital, existing in any other Public Repository, save the Roll of their said Patent or Charter, which they believe is in the Rolls of the Court of Chancery as aforesaid.

(2.)—The said Charter or Patent, together with the several Deeds, Books, Writings, and Papers aforesaid, not in present or immediate use, are lodged in the said Hospital, in an apartment there called the Board Room; and same are deposited there in an Iron Chest, with three separate locks thereon, opened by distinct or different keys, which keys are in the charge or custody of three Members of the Corporation, and cannot be opened unless in the presence of said three Members: And said Hospital is the property of the said Governors, as incorporated by the aforesaid Charter, for the use of the Institution.

(3.)—The said Patent or Charter, and said Deeds, Books, Writings, and Papers, are in a good state of Preservation; and are arranged in such order, that recourse can be immediately had to any of them which may be wanting.

(4.)—There is in the said Hospital a complete and correct Catalogue of the Deeds, Instruments, Books, Writings, and Papers, so contained in the said Chest, and there are particular Indexes to each Book; which Books contain the Proceedings and Accounts of the Governors, and their Officers; and same are the property of the Governors, as incorporated as aforesaid: And there are not any of the said Indexes wanting or defective.

(5.)—The Governors do not know that there are any Matters, not comprised in the preceding Questions, which it is necessary or expedient to observe, for rendering the use of the said Charter or Patent, Deeds, Instruments, Books, Writings, and Papers, belonging to the said Corporation, more convenient to the Public.

I have the honour to be, Sir, &c.

Wm Shaw Mason, Esquire,
&c. &c. &c.

Robert Hart,
Agent and Register to the King's Hospital.

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244. Royal Hospital.

244. ROYAL HOSPITAL.

ANSWERS to the QUERIES of the Commissioners on the Public Records of Ireland.

(1.)—THERE are kept in the Royal Hospital—a Registry, containing the Proceedings of the Governors, from the foundation of the Hospital to the present day, under the authority of the Charter granted by King Charles II. dated the 13th of March in the 36th year of his reign; a printed Copy of the Charter of Charles II. taken from an attested Copy enrolled in the Court of Chancery, the original Charter being lost shortly after the Abdication of James II. as appears from the Registry; a Manuscript Copy of the Charter of Charles II. entered in the first Book of the Registry, which was probably taken from the original, as it was then in the possession of the Register; and the original Charter granted by George II. dated the 24th of April in the 31st year of his reign, confirming the Charter of Charles II. and reducing the number of Governors necessary to form a Board to seven. This Charter is also enrolled in the Court of Chancery.

(2.)—These Records are lodged in the Register's Office in the Royal Hospital, in wooden Presses made for the purpose. The Office being part of the Hospital, is of course public property.

(3.)—They are in a good state of Preservation. The Registry is arranged in Books, being eight in number, up to the present day.

(4.)—There are proper Indexes to the Registry.

(5.)—Nothing further appears necessary to observe respecting these Records.

R. Smyth,
Auditor and Register.

245. STEVENS'S HOSPITAL.

RETURN from the CHAPLAIN of STEVENS's HOSPITAL, to the QUERIES directed by the Commissioners of Public Records of Ireland.

245. Stevens' Hospital.

I DO no not find in the Library of said Hospital, any Rolls, Instruments, Registers, or Manuscript Books or Papers, or authentic Manuscript Copies of any such original Manuscript Rolls, &c. as stated in the annexed Queries; or any other matter, to which the Queries seem to refer. Perhaps it is unnecessary to except two Manuscript Volumes, containing a Catalogue of the Books of this Library, which were presented to the Hospital by the late Edward Worth, M. D.

B. Nixon,
Chaplain.

VII.—Public Boards.

246. BOARD OF FIRST FRUITS.

246. Board of First Fruits.

SIR, Dublin, 28th December 1810.

IN Answer to your Letter of the 18th September ult. containing Queries directed by the Commissioners on the Public Records in Ireland, to be answered by the Trustees and Commissioners of the First Fruits, I have the honour to inform you, that, excepting whatever Records may be in the First Fruits Office, in the charge and custody of the Remembrancer and Receiver of the First Fruits, the Trustees have not any Office, nor original Records, Rolls, Instruments, Registries, or Papers, containing any Acts or Proceedings, by Royal, Parliamentary, Judicial, or other Public Authority. The Trustees have private Minutes of their own Transactions, regularly entered, since the year 1763; containing the Grants made by them for the purposes of building Churches and Glebe Houses, and the purchasing of Glebes and Tythes; also the Rules by which their Proceedings are regulated. These Journals are regularly indexed, are in good Preservation, and are kept by the Secretary of the Board, in his own Dwelling-house.

I have the honour to be, Sir, &c.

Isaac D'Olier,
Sec. B. F. F.

Wm Shaw Mason, Esquire,
&c. &c. &c.

247. BOARD OF CHARITABLE DONATIONS, &c.

The ANSWER of the SECRETARY to the Commissioners of Charitable Donations, &c. to the QUERIES directed by the Commissioners on the Public Records of Ireland.

THE only Record in my possession, of the Committee of Charity of the late House of Lords (in place of which Committee the present Commissioners of Charitable Donations and Bequests were, at the Union, substituted) is, a Book, containing the Proceedings of the Committee of Charity of the House of Lords, from the 15th of March 1792 to the 28th May 1800. All the rest of the Papers and Documents of the aforesaid Committee of Charity of the House of Lords were, as I am informed, upon the sale of the late House of Parliament to the Directors of the Bank of Ireland, removed from a room in the late House of Lords, where they had been kept, and conveyed to a House in Anglesea-street in Dublin, in which other public Records are deposited. Some years ago, I was directed by the Commissioners of Charitable Donations to apply to Government for the Records of the Committee of Charity of the House of Lords; and upon their giving an Order to a Mr. O'Flaherty, who had the care of the house in Anglesea-street, I went to said house with him; but all the Records there, then, were in such a state, that he found it impossible to sort or discover those which I was in search of.

J. Corneille,
Secretary to Commissioners of Charitable Donations.

26th December 1810.

248. BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The ANSWER of the SECRETARY to the Board of Education, to the QUERIES directed by the Commissioners on the Public Records of Ireland.

I HAVE in my possession the original Report of all the Evidence laid before the former Commissioners, for inquiry into the state of the Funds left by private Donations, or given by public Grants, for the purposes of Education; and of the State of all Schools, upon public or private Foundations, in Ireland: which Report was presented by the former Board of Education to his Excellency Lord Westmorland, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. This Report was sent, from the Civil Office in the Castle, to the present Commissioners of the Board of Education. It is imperfect, and came into the hands of the present Commissioners in that state; a great part of the Evidence, particularly of that relating to Schools of private Foundation, being wanting.—I have also in my possession, the original Returns made from the different Dioceses in Ireland, of the Number and State of the several Public Schools therein; together with the original Notes of the Evidence of the several Persons whom they had occasion to call before them and examine, during the progress of their Commission. These last Documents I received from Mr. Robert Marshall, the Secretary to the former Board of Education.

J. Corneille,
Secretary to the Board of Education.

26th December 1810.

249. BOARD OF GENERAL OFFICERS.

SIR, Dublin Castle, 4th January 1811.

I HAD the honour of submitting your Letter, dated the 20th of September last, which reached me on the 10th of November following, to the consideration of the Board of General Officers, that assembled on the 20th ultimo, being the first Meeting of the Board that took place after receipt of your communication.—The Board have directed me to convey to you, for the information of the Right Honourable the Commissioners of the Public Records in Ireland, the following general Answers to the Queries specified in your Letter; viz.

(1.)—That the Books of their Department generally comprise the King's Regulations upon all points relating to the Clothing of the Army, and other Matters connected with Military Arrangements, on which the opinions of the Board have been from time to time required by Government, or by which the Board is to be governed in the progress of their Proceedings. The Entries of these Records are made in the Manuscript Books enumerated in the annexed Schedule, commencing in the year 1697, and are principally of a miscellaneous nature. You will please to observe, that the only chasms in the Records referred to, are those arising from the Book lettered F. which is supposed to contain the Minutes of the Board between May 1703 and April 1706; and also the Entry of the Proceedings of the Board between November 1805 and May 1806, which are now not forthcoming; nor were these Documents deposited with me, on my appointment to the office of Deputy Secretary. The Board are however unable to state the cause of this deficiency, or the period of time at which it occurred.

(2.)—The Records of the Board of General Officers are at present lodged in security in His Majesty's Castle of Dublin, amongst other public Records.

(3.)—The said Records, particularly those of a late period, are in a perfect state of Preservation, and arranged according to the date of each volume.

(4.)—It will

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(4.)—It will be observed in the Columns of Observations stated in the Schedule herewith transmitted, that such of the Books of the Department as are regularly posted, paged, and indexed, are distinguished from those which are not so arranged; and although, as a public Record, it would be desirable that the whole should be rendered complete, as early as circumstances will permit, it does not seem that any inconvenience can immediately arise to the Service, from the state in which they are now involved. It would however require, for some time, the assistance of one Clerk, who should be versed in the mode of posting Records of this description, to bring up the arrear of indexing and paging such of the Books as are imperfect in this respect.—The Board of General Officers are not aware that any Books or Papers belonging to their Department are deposited in any place other than in the War Office, where they now remain under the immediate care and protection of the Deputy Secretary. The said Records and Papers are considered of course as public property.

(5.)—The Deputy Secretary to the Board is exclusively intrusted with the care of the Records in question; whose duty it is, in the absence of the Secretary, to attend upon all Searches necessary to be made, and to see that every Record, &c. is duly and fairly restored to its proper place; and I am to state, that there is no other regulation observed for effecting these purposes.

(6.)—It does not occur that the Board is capable of furnishing a more explanatory statement on the existing state of the Records of the Department, than that comprised in the preceding Answers. But the Board considered it proper to remark, conclusively, that the Books of the Department, in which their Proceedings, since my appointment in May 1806, are recorded, have been duly and regularly classed, and otherwise correctly arranged; and that the Deficiency before adverted to, having occurred antecedently to that period, must consequently exonerate me from the responsibility which may be attached to that circumstance.

I have the honour to be, Sir, &c.

E. Connor, Depy Secretary.

Wm Shaw Mason, Esquire,
&c. &c. &c.

SCHEDULE of Books in the Department of the Board of General Officers; which comprise the Entries of the King's Regulation upon all points relating to the Clothing of the Army, and other Matters connected with Military Arrangements: Together with the Entry of the Clothing Contracts of the Army serving on the Irish Establishment.

Title of Books.	*Period of Commencement.*	*Period of Termination.*	*Remarks as to the state of the Books.*
Liber A.	27th March 1697	14th Dec. 1697 -	Indexed, paged, and posted.
B.	4th Jan. 1698 -	29th April 1699 -	- Do - - - - - Do.
C.	2d May 1699 -	2d Feb. 1699 -	- Do - - - - - Do.
D.	5th Feb. 1699 -	1st April 1701 -	- Do - - - - - Do.
E.	14th April 1701 -	12th May 1703 -	- Do - - - - - Do.
F.	- - - - - -	- - - - - -	Missing. Vide Report of the Deputy Secretary.
G.	1st April 1706 -	9th June 1709 -	Paged, indexed, and posted.
H.	25th July 1709 -	30th May 1713 -	- Do - - - - - Do.
I.	4th June 1713 -	29th Sept. 1716 -	- Do - - - - - Do.
K.	19th Nov. 1716 -	21st March 1725	- Do - - - - - Do.
L.	25th March 1726	1st Sept. 1732 -	- Do - - - - - Do.
M.	12th Oct. 1732 -	12th Aug. 1745 -	- Do - - - - - Do.
N.	16th Jan. 1744 -	8th Nov. 1755 -	Paged, but not indexed: no Index appears to this Volume.
O.	27th Dec. 1755 -	12th May 1760 -	Not paged - - - Indexed.
P.	20th May 1760 -	19th Dec. 1764 -	- - Do - - - Do.
Q.	19th Dec. 1764 -	11th July 1767 -	- - Do - - - Do.
R.	5th Aug. 1767 -	28th Oct. 1771 -	- - Do - - - Do.
S.	31st Oct. 1771 -	20th June 1778 -	- - Do - - - Do.
T.	26th June 1778 -	22d March 1782	- - Do - - - Do.
U.	22d March 1782	22d March 1793	- - Do - - - Do.
W.	22d March 1793	12th Oct. 1803 -	- - Do - - - Do.
X.	21st Feb. 1804 -	26th Nov. 1805 -	- - Do - - - Do.
		Contract Books.	
1st Volume -	March 1718 - -	June 1747 - -	Not paged, indexed, or posted.
2d Ditto -	Nov. 1768 - -	July 1787 - -	- - Do - - - - - Do.
3d Ditto -	Aug. 1768 - -	June 1806 - -	- - Do - - - - - Do.

The appointment of the present Deputy Secretary, in May 1806.

1st Volume - 25th June 1806 - 24th Dec. 1811 - Indexed, paged, and posted to the present day.

Correspondence Book.

1st Volume - 3d June 1806 - 12th Dec. 1811 - Indexed, paged, and posted to the present day.

4th January 1811.

E. Connor,
Depy Secy.

250. ARMY MEDICAL BOARD.

Army Medical Board, 7th November 1810.

IN answer to the foregoing Queries, I have to state, for the information of the Commissioners on the Public Records of Ireland, that in the Army Medical Board Office, Dublin, which was formed on the 1st of June 1795, there are not any original Records, Rolls, or other Papers, of a Royal, Parliamentary, Judicial, or other Public Authority, unconnected with the business of the Medical Department; and that the Books in this Office, which contain the detail of the Proceedings and other Transactions of the Army Medical Board, are regularly kept up and indexed accordingly.

By Order,

Mathew T. Byrne, Sec^{y}.

251. JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL.

Judge Advocate General's Office, Dublin;
29th December 1810.

SIR,

I LAST night received your Letter of the 18th instant, requiring Answers to certain Queries; and I am now to state, for the information of the Commissioners on Public Records, that no Public Records, Rolls, Instruments, Manuscript Books or Papers whatsoever, are deposited with me, as Judge Advocate General of Ireland. The only Papers lodged with me as Judge Advocate General are, the original Proceedings and Sentences of all General Courts Martial held in Ireland, agreeably to the Provisions of the Mutiny Act; and which Proceedings are so lodged with me for the purpose of enabling me to give Copies thereof to such Persons as are legally entitled to demand the same, according to the true intent and meaning of the Act; for which Copies the Persons so entitled are obliged to pay me; I am therefore careful to keep all these Proceedings in a place of safety, appropriated for themselves, regularly indorsed with the rank and name of the Person tried, the particular Service to which he belongs, and the place where such General Courts Martial have been held, as an easy mode of reference in case a Copy is demanded. In elucidation of what I have above set forth, I beg to refer the Commissioners to the Mutiny Act, the 50th of the King, chapter 12, pages 37, 38, 39.

Should the Commissioners think that I can afford any further satisfactory information, I shall feel happy in complying with their wishes at any time the same may be communicated to me.

I have the honour to be, Sir, &c.

Francis Paterson.

Wm Shaw Mason, Esquire,
&c. &c. &c.

252. BARRACK BOARD.

Barrack Office, Dublin, 9th November 1810.

SIR,

IN reply to your Letter of the 18th of September last, received at this Office on the 6th instant, I am directed by the Deputy Barrack Master General to acquaint you, that there are not kept or preserved in this Office, any original Rolls, Records, or other Papers, containing any Acts or Proceedings by Royal, Parliamentary, Judicial or other Public Authority; that the Papers kept therein, are, Conveyances and Leases of the several Barracks in Ireland, Contracts for Buildings and Repairs, and official Accounts of Monies received and expended; all which are duly preserved; and that no Person has any recourse to the same, or any right or title to inspect such Books, Deeds and Papers, but the Officers of this Board.

By Order of the Deputy Barrack Master General,

John Hughes, Sec^{y}.

Wm Shaw Mason, Esquire,
&c. &c. &c.

253. BOARD OF WORKS.

Board of Works Office, Dublin, 9th November 1810.

SIR,

IN reply to your Letter dated the 18th September last, I am directed by the Commissioners of the Board of Works to acquaint you, that there are not kept or preserved in this Office, any original Rolls, Records, or other Papers, containing any Acts or Proceedings by Royal, Parliamentary, Judicial or other Public Authority: That the Papers kept therein, are, Conveyances and Leases of certain Premises in Dublin, taken by the Board; Contracts for Buildings; and official Accounts of Monies received and expended by the Board; all which are duly preserved in the Offices of that Department in Merrion-street and Anglesea-street; and that no Person has any recourse to the same, or any right or title to inspect them, but the Officers of this Board.

I have the honour to be, Sir, &c.

R. Robinson, Ass^{t} Sec^{y}.

To Wm Shaw Mason, Esquire,
&c. &c. &c.

APPENDIX.

Public Boards.

254. Army Account Office.

254. ARMY ACCOUNT OFFICE.

THERE are no Public Records in the Office of the Comptroller of Army Accounts, further than the Books of his Office, which relate solely to the Business of the Department.

Thomas Brownrigg,

Army Account Office, November 8th, 1810. Compt^r A. Accounts.

255. ACCOUNT OFFICE.

REPLY of the COMMISSIONERS OF ACCOUNTS, to the QUERIES directed to them by the Commissioners on the Public Records in Ireland.

255. Account Office.

(1.)—THERE are all the Records of the Accounts passed by the Imprest Commissioners since 1771; but there are no Records, Rolls, Instruments, Registries, or Manuscript Books or Papers, containing any Acts or Proceedings by Royal, Parliamentary, Judicial or other Public Authority, save the above, which are distinguished as follow:—For Public Charities receiving Aid from Government; D° Institutions; Public Offices; the Revenue of the Post Office, and Stamps; of Compensation to certain Officers of the Exchequer; and certain Military Accounts transmitted to them from His Majesty's Government, which were passed by said Commissioners, since their first institution, to this day; and some Accounts previous to that period, the oldest bearing date in the reign of King William, which are few in number, and unimportant in their objects and amount. The Records of Accounts since 1771, have no chasms or deficiencies in the series. For the chasms or deficiencies in the series of Accounts before 1771, which were in the Auditor of Imprest's custody, the Commissioners of Accounts cannot answer. On the suppression of his Office in 1798, the few Accounts bearing date before 1771, were sent to the Imprest Commissioners by the late Auditor of Imprests, and appear to be unworthy of attention: these are unclassed and unarranged. The Accounts which have been specified above, are all between the period therein stated, viz. 1771, and the present time; but commence at such times respectively as are directed by the different Acts of Parliament, and Orders, by which they come under the cognizance of this Board.

(2.)—In the Office of Imprest Accounts, they have no extraordinary security against fire; the Guard of the National Bank, it is supposed, would, if necessary, afford ample security in every other respect. The Building is public property.

(3.)—The Records of Accounts are in good order; and are arranged in the order of time, and of so easy access, that immediate reference may be had, not only to any particular Account, but to any particular Voucher that may be wanted.

(4.)—There are no Catalogues, Calendars, Schedules, Repertories or Indexes. The Report Book of the Commissioners would point to the time of any particular Account; with which information, it would be easy to refer to the original Record. The Commissioners are not aware that any utility would arise, adequate to the expense and trouble, from a Catalogue or Index of said Accounts being completed.

(5.)—The Records of Civil Accounts are intrusted to the custody of the Officer for preparing Civil Accounts; and of Military, to the Officer for preparing Military Accounts.

(6.)—The Commissioners of Accounts are not aware they can make any further observations or suggestions, by which the use of the above Records can be made more convenient to the Public.

March 18th, 1811. By Order, *J. Hewitt,* Sec^r.

256. COMMISSIONERS FOR REDUCING NATIONAL DEBT.

256. Commissioners for Reducing National Debt.

SIR, Sinking Fund Office, Dublin, 16th March 1811.

I HAD the honour of receiving your favour, with several Queries directed by the Commissioners on the Public Records in Ireland, to be answered by the Commissioners for reducing the National Debt, their Secretaries or other proper Officer. I have the honour to inform you, that their Office is of a late appointment, and that there are not in it any original Records, Rolls, Instruments, Registries, Manuscript Books, or Papers, containing any Acts or Proceedings by Royal, Parliamentary, Judicial or other Public Authority, or any other Books or Papers but those necessary for entering the Minutes of the Commissioners, and keeping Accounts of Cash received, Stock purchased, and the different Loans; which I apprehend cannot be of any use but to their own Office; and hope this will serve as an Answer to the other Queries, on which I am not able to give the smallest information.

I have the honour to be, Sir, &c.

Jer. Vickers, Sec^r.

Wm Shaw Mason, Esquire,
&c. &c. &c.

257. OFFICE OF ENQUIRY.

SIR, Office of Enquiry, 2d January 1811.

I HAVE received your Letter of the 18th September, enclosing Queries directed by the Commissioners of Public Records in Ireland, to be answered by the Commissioners of Enquiry; and having laid the same before them, I am instructed to inform you, that the only Records appertaining to this Office, are, the Reports of the Commissioners of Enquiry; the Depositions taken on oath by them, of such Persons as they examine; and the Minutes of their Proceedings. Three Copies of each Report are always prepared, two of which are transmitted to England, one to be laid before each House of Parliament; the third is presented by the Commissioners to the Lord Lieutenant in person. The original Depositions, signed by each Examinant, and attested by the Commissioners present, remain in the Office of Enquiry. The Minutes of the Proceedings of the Board have been regularly kept, from its institution, and are in perfect Preservation and Order. The Commissioners of Enquiry are empowered to call for Records from the several Departments assigned to their inspection, to which they are returned, as soon as the purpose for which they are required is satisfied. Such Papers while in the Office of Enquiry, together with the Depositions and Minutes, are in the care of the Board's Officers, and are lodged in the House occupied by the Commissioners of Enquiry as an Office, which is private property, rented by the year, and is considered sufficiently secure and commodious for the keeping thereof.

I have the honour to be, Sir, &c.

The Secretary to Board of Public Records. *William Plunkett.*

258. BALLAST CORPORATION.

THE Corporation for preserving and improving the Port of Dublin, have not any original Records, &c. &c.

William Bigger,
Secretary.

Ballast Office, Dublin,
23d November 1810.

259. WIDE STREETS BOARD.

SIR, Blessington-street, 29th November 1810.

IN obedience to order of the Commissioners appointed by Act of Parliament for making wide and convenient Streets in the City of Dublin, we have the honour to acquaint you, for the information of the Record Commissioners, that there are no Records in the possession of the Wide Street Board, but the Minutes of their Proceedings, from the commencement of the Institution in 1758, to the present day, comprised in 22 folio volumes Manuscript, numerically arranged; and some volumes of Minutes of Evidence taken before the Valuation Juries; together with several Deeds of Conveyance, Leases, and other Documents, indorsed and alphabetically placed, of the several Purchases and Sales of the Board, in carrying their Plans of Improvement into execution; also several Maps, as well of those Improvements that have been effected, as of those that are at present in the contemplation of the Board. The whole are in good Order and Preservation, safely lodged in a convenient room in the private Dwelling of the Clerk, to whose custody they are committed; and to which, however, any Person, having proper occasion to resort, is admitted in the presence of the Officer.

We have the honour to be, Sir, &c.

Wm Shaw Mason, Esquire, &c. &c. &c. *Thomas & David Hen. Sherrard,*
Clerk.

260. PAVING BOARD.

SIR, Paving House, 22d December 1810.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 18th September, transmitting certain Queries; to which I beg leave to return the following Answers; viz.

(1.)—There are no Records, &c. &c. except the Manuscript Books of the Proceedings of the Corporation.

(2.)—The Minute Books of the former Boards, are under my care, locked up in a room in the Corporation House; and the Books of the Proceedings of the present Board, I keep locked up in my Office in said house.

(3.)—The above are in good Preservation, and arranged in proper order.

(4.)—There is no Index but what is attached to each Minute Book; what degree of utility would result from having a general Index made, the Right Honourable the Commissioners on the Public Records will please to determine.

(5.)—See Answer to No. 2.

I conceive all matters concerning Records, &c. are comprised in the above.

I have the honour to be, Sir, &c.

J. Rosborough
Secretary.

APPENDIX.

Public Boards.

261. Inland Navigation.

261. INLAND NAVIGATION.

ANSWER by the SECRETARY to the Directors General of Inland Navigation, to the QUERIES directed by the Commissioners on the Public Records in Ireland.

(1.)—THIS Board of Directors was first established in the year 1800, for the distribution of the Grant of 500,000 *l.* made by the Parliament of Ireland, for promoting Inland Navigation, and the Improvement of the Harbour of Dublin. The Law directed, that all Papers and Documents relating to Inland Navigation, theretofore presented to the House of Commons, should be handed over to the Directors: but none, except Maps, were handed over; nor have the Board been able to ascertain what Papers of such a nature exist, or in whose hands, though they suspect that some such are in the hands of Persons who were formerly in the service of the old Navigation Board, or their relatives or representatives. The Books and Papers in possession of the Board are consequently no other than such as relate to their Proceedings in the execution of the Statute of 1800. As their Acts are under the authority of that Law, and under the approbation of the Lord Lieutenant and the Lords of the Treasury, as stated in the Statute, the Proceedings may be deemed to be by public authority; but there are not in this Office any original Records or Proceedings, by Royal, Parliamentary, or Judicial Authority. By the Act of the 40th of the King, the Entries in the Board's Minute Books are to be allowed, in all Courts of Law or Equity, or elsewhere, as Evidence of the Acts and Proceedings of the Directors.

(2.)—The Board's Books and Papers are lodged in the Navigation House, Merrion-street, Dublin; which is public property, held by lease. The Papers are kept in Presses, locked up, and arranged in convenient order.

(3.)—The Papers are in perfect Preservation.

(4.)—There are not any general Catalogues, Calendars, Schedules, or Repertories. The Books have Indexes.

(5.)—No Person is especially intrusted with the care of the Papers. They are locked up; and the Chairman, the Secretary, and the Clerk of the Minutes, have each of them keys.

(6.)—Nothing more is necessary or expedient.

By Order of the Directors General,

Navigation Office, 5th January 1811. *Henry R. Paine*, pro Secretary.

262. Linen Board.

262. LINEN BOARD.

SIR, Linen Office, December 29th, 1810.

I AM commanded by the Trustees of the Linen and Hempen Manufactures to acquaint you, for the information of the Commissioners of Public Records, that the only Records in their possession are the Minutes of their own Proceedings, from the establishment of their Board in the year 1711, down to the present day; to which the Trustees will afford the Commissioners, or their Officers, a ready access at all convenient times.

I have the honour to be, Sir, &c.

Your most obedient Servant,

James Corry.

Wm Shaw Mason, Esquire, &c. &c. &c.

263. Incorporated Society.

263. INCORPORATED SOCIETY.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to acquaint you, that there are no Records, of the description mentioned in your Letter of the 18th of September, in the custody of the Incorporated Society, or their Officers.

I have the honour to be, Sir, &c. &c.

James Adamson, Secr.

Wm Shaw Mason, Esquire, &c. &c. &c.

264. Charter Schools

264. CHARTER SCHOOLS.

SIR, Dublin, 7th March 1811.

IN obedience to your Letter of the 18th September last, enclosing the Queries directed by the Commissioners on the Public Records of Ireland, we have the honour to acquaint you, for their information, that the Governors of Erasmus Smyth's Schools are not in possession of any original Record, Roll, Instrument, &c. &c. save and except their Charter of Incorporation, which is duly enrolled; together with their Minute Books, Maps, Leases, and other Papers relating to their Estate, which, it is humbly conceived, are of a private nature.

We have the honour to be, Sir, &c.

Samuel & Austin Cooper, Registers, &c.

265. Ouzel Galley.

265. OUZEL GALLEY.

SIR,

I RECEIVED your favour of the 20th instant, and beg leave to communicate, for the information of the Board of His Majesty's Commissioners on the Public Records of Ireland, that the Ouzel Galley Society is not a Repository of any Public Records, but a very old Establishment of the principal Merchants of the City of Dublin, formed for the purpose of deciding any mercantile or other differences submitted to them; and that I, as their Register and Secretary, shall with pleasure give any further information, relative to the Society, that the Board may require.

I have the honour to be, Sir, &c.

William Cosgrave, Jun.

15, Great George-street North, 30th August 1811.

Wm Shaw Mason, Esquire, &c. &c. &c.

ADDENDA

To the Crown and Hanaper Return, page 85, ante.

(III.—COURTS OF JUSTICE.)

ADDENDA to Crown and Hanaper Return, p. 85, ante.

A LIST of the OFFICERS usually sworn into office by the Clerk of the Crown, distinguishing the instances of the Officers in respect of which the Oaths have been disused, or have been varied; and whether any, and which, of said Oaths have been printed or published:—The Lord High Treasurer; the Lord High Chancellor, or Keeper; the Master of the Rolls; the Chief Justices and Puisne Justices of the King's Bench and Common Pleas; the Chancellor of the Exchequer; the Chief Baron and Puisne Barons of the Exchequer; the Keeper of the Privy Seal; the Attorney General; the Solicitor General; the Serjeants at Law; the Clerk of the Crown and Hanaper in Chancery; the King's Counsel; the Masters in Chancery; the Register of the Court of Chancery; the Six Clerks of the Court of Chancery; the Examinators of the Court of Chancery; the Usher of the Court of Chancery; the Assistant Barristers of the several Counties of Ireland; the Barristers at Law; the President of Maynooth College.—No instance has been met with, in the Books of the Crown Office, of Officers in respect of which the Oaths have been disused or varied, except the Oaths of Allegiance and Abjuration, which have been altered by Act of Parliament; nor have I seen the Oaths of Office printed, except in Robbins's Abridgment of the Statutes, under the title, "Oaths," which are nearly the same as those in the Roll in this Office.

All which is humbly submitted.

Thos Bourchier,
Deputy Clerk of the Crown and Hanaper.

December 29th, 1810.

ADDENDA

To the Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer's Return, page 132, ante.

(III.—COURTS OF JUSTICE.)

To His Majesty's Commissioners, &c.

ADDENDA to Ld. Treas. Rem. Return, p. 132, ante.

HAVING, agreeably to instructions, examined the Records of the Office of the Treasurer's Remembrancer, we beg leave to state, that, after having gone over two sacks full of old Papers and Parchments, (styled "Miscellaneous") we have not been able to discover any Record more ancient than those already reported by the Officer; except two Fragments, single membranes of Parchment, one of which belongs to a Roll of the 16 of HENRY the Third, the other to a Roll of the 36 of EDWARD the First. The latter contains nothing worthy of notice; but of the former, as it is the remains of the most ancient Roll yet found in Ireland, and as it contains some curious matter, we have taken a Transcript, which is annexed to this Return. We have likewise taken Transcripts from the Rolls of the 9th, 10th, 44th and 45th, and 45th and 46th of HENRY the Fourth, which are also Fragments of Pipe Rolls. And we compared an Account-Roll belonging to the CHIEF REMEMBRANCER's Office, with one of the same year in the TREASURER's REMEMBRANCER's Office; and as we found the contents of them the same in substance, that of the CHIEF REMEMBRANCER's Office only was copied.

All which is respectfully submitted, by

John Conroy,
Thomas Litton. } Sub. Com. on Chief Rem. Office.

I.

S. Comp̃ Comitatus Waterford ꝑ Ric̃ fit Helye Vic̃ de toto anno XVI° Regni R̃ H.

S. Ric̃ fit Helye Vic̃ r̃ Comp̃ de CC m̃ de redditu Comitatus Waterford de toto anno p̃dc̃o - S^a CC m̃

S. In thr̃o IIII.II ti. XI s̃. VIII d̃. p III Tall — Et Constabl̃r Lymir̃ in Lib̃ suis ꝑ Custod̃ Cast^i Lymir̃ a t̃mino Pasche Anno R̃. R̃. H. XVI^mo usq; ad festū Sc̃i Mich̃is anno eodē, XVIII ti. V s̃. ꝑ br̃ R. de Burg̃ t̃c Justic̃ — Et Milero de B̃megham ꝑ custod̃ Cast^i de Kolcree ꝑ unū annū X m̃. ꝑ br̃ ejusdē R. t̃c Justic̃——

S^a CVII ti. X s̃.—Et debet XXV ti. XVI s̃. VIII d̃. — Et exigende s̃t de R. de Burg̃ q; firmari⁹ fuit de Dees.

Thom̃ fit Antoñ - L ti. de arrer̃ p^imi Aũx R. H. sic̃ cont^r in ro^lo p̃cedenti
Idem - - - - CXX ti. ꝑ t̃nda Custod̃ t̃re Thedis——th̃ fit Maur̃ sic̃ 9^r ibidem
Idem - - - - V m̃. ꝑ relaxac̃one navis de Sveneshee—
Idem - - - - IIII^or s̃. IX d̃ ꝑ decapit̃ cuj⁹dam Vtlagii
Idem - - - - IIII^or m̃ ꝑ duobȝ doliis Vini de Werch—

David

ADDENDA to Ld. Treas. Rem. Return, p. 132, *ante*.

David Xpofre - ř Comp̃ de Eṗatu Lysmoř existenť in manu R̃ — Et dist'ngend⁹ est Ric̃ de Burg̃ ad redd dc̃m Comp̃ ꝑ eodem DD mortuo q̄ Baſls ej⁹ fuit et ñ reddid cōp̃.

Ric̃ fiť Helye - ř Comp̃ de XV ℔. VIII š. VI d. de debito ultimi Comp̃ sui—In thř̃o Lib̃ ꝑ I taſt — Et Quiet⁹ est—

Joh̃s Brū - ř Comp̃ de I m̃ ꝑ transgressiōe—Et Lib̃avit R̃ de Burg̃ in avena ut dic̃ Ric̃ fiť Helye— Et dist'ngend⁹ est idem R̃ de Burg̃ ad Sollucōm——

Gerold⁹ de Rup̃ - XX š. ꝑ eodem

Math̃s fiť Griffin - C š. ꝑ evaš lat'nū

Ric̃ Brun - ř Comp̃ de I m̃ ut sit ꝑ aſt Lib̃ R̃ de Burg̃ in avena ut dic̃ Ric̃ fiť Helye — Et dist'ngend⁹ est idem R̃ de Burg̃ ad Sollucōm ——

Gilb̃ Candel - dim̃ m̃ ꝑ pł Ennion

Rĩs fiť Rob̃ti - dim̃ m̃ ꝑ Lic̃ Concord

Hug̃ de Rem - III[li] ptem de XL š. ꝑ dist'ng̃ G. de Norwī

Rog̃ le Palmer - dim̃ m̃ ꝑ dišš—

Hñric⁹ de Wittefeld - & Joh̃s de Kardif—dim̃ m̃ de tallag̃ —

Philipp̃ fiť Epī - ř comp̃ de XX š. de tallag̃ — Lib̃ templariis ꝑ cartam d̄ni Reg̃ q̄ ħo eoš Et Quiet⁹ est.

Ric̃ fil Helye - ř comp̃ de XXX d de Cataſt Nich̃ Clici Lib̃ in thř̃o ꝑ I taſt — Et Quiet⁹ est.

Philipp⁹ fil Rad - dim̃ m̃ q̄ ret'xit se——

Gerald⁹ de Rup̃ - II m̃ q̄ retrax̃ se—

Joh̃s le Poer - X li. ꝑ Relevio r̃re q̄ fuit p̃ris sui— Exigende sūt de Ric̃ de Burg̃ q̄ manucep̃ ī sc'cio ip̃m aq'etare

Walr̃ fiť Rger - dim̃ m̃ ut sit ꝑ pleg̃—

Meler⁹ le Poer - I m̃ q̄ retxit se—

Wiłls de scō Revelino - dim̃ m̃ q̄ nō ħuit quē pleg̃

Gernas de Gencurt - - ř Comp̃ de dim̃ m̃ ꝑ ſto clam̃—In thrō Lib̃ XL d ꝑ I taſt—Et debet XL d—

David Xpofre - - - X š ꝑ dišš

Wiłłmus le Poer - Laur̃ Cristred, Hñric⁹ de Wigemore ř Comp̃ de I m̃ q̄ ret'xer̃t se—In thro Lib̃ ꝑ I tall—Et Quiet' sūt.

Ric̃ de Serston - I m̃ p̃ee ꝑ Baſtam

Gregorius de Lissemoř - dim̃ m̃ ꝑ defalta

Ric̃ Makermechan - XX š q̄ nō ħuit quē pł

- - Idem - - - III m̃ ꝑ Uthere O Hacchere—ħndo ꝑ pł

Rob̃tus Huscirl - R̃ comp̃ de C š. ꝑ evaš Latroñ—In thro n'l—Et q̄ Inq'sitū fuit q'd Idē q'm cepat ñ fuit Capt⁹ ꝑ lat'cinio, relaxat' ei debitum ꝑ Justic̃ & Baroñ—Et Quiet⁹ est.

- - Idem - - dim̃ m̃ ꝑ obturacōne aq̃—Et Quiet⁹ est

Joh̃s de Ebroit - R̃ Comp̃ de XX S ꝑ deſcū Legis faciende—In thř̃o Lib̃r ꝑ I taſt—

Philipp̃ de Vall - dim̃ m̃ ꝑ deſta—

Rys fiť Rob̃ti - X š ꝑ eodem.

Gerold⁹ de Rup̃ t Helena ux̃ ej⁹ R̃ comp̃ de XX S ꝑ relevio suo q'd ip̃am ħeditate cōtīg̃ ꝑ T fiť Antoñ—In thř̃o Lib̃ ꝑ I taſt—Et Quiet⁹ est.

Wiłł⁹ de Kantilup̃ t Dioñ ux̃ ej⁹ R̃ Comp̃ de XX š ꝑ relevio q'd ip̃am cōting̃ de p̃dca ħeditate— In thř̃o Lib̃ ꝑ I taſt—Et Quiet⁹ est

Galfr̄ de Norrach t Ysaubell ux̃ ej⁹ R̃ Comp̃ de XX š ꝑ relevio suo q'd ip̃'m gtīg̃ de p̃dca ħedit̃—In thř̃o Lib̃ ꝑ I tall—Et Quieti št.

Joh̃s filius Th̃ t Marg̃ta ux̃ ej⁹ ř Comp̃ de XX š de Relevio suo q'd ip̃m gtingit

Steph̃s Archiid t Dissere ux̃ ej⁹ R̃ Comp̃ de XX š ꝑ relevio suo q'd ip̃am contingˉ de p̃dca ħed— In thř̃o Lib̃ ꝑ II taſt & Quieti št

Ric̃ - Scurlagge t Marg̃ ux̃ ej⁹ ř Comp̃ de V m̃ q̄ retx'it se de quadam attīctōne—In thř̃o Lib̃ III m̃ ꝑ I taſt—Et debēt II m̃ de quib̃ Goce Clic⁹ Respondebit—

Wiłłmus Ware - dim̃ m̃ ꝑ lic̃ Concord cū Ada fiť myloñ—Exigatur de Rob̃to de Cogan q̄ illam recep̃—

S Comp̃ Joce Clerici de Epātu de Walr̃ford existenť in manu dn̄i R̃ de festo Sc̃i pet' ad Vincla usq̄ ad festū sc̃i Mich̃ p̃ximo sequēs anñ r.r. h XVI[mo].

Idem - - J—Clicus R̃ Comp̃ de LXVII š de eodem Eṗatu ꝑ Idem t̄ps—In thř̃o Lib̃ ꝑ I taſt et Quiet⁹ est.

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In Dorso:

Compotus Lagenie de toto anno XVI^mo Regni R. H. p Rog̃m de Hyda ẽc Senesc̃.

S. Rog̃us de Hyda Clemens Clicus p eo ř Comp̃ p Ric̃ Mař de XLVII ħi. XI š. V đ. ob̃ de arrerag̃ p'mi auc̃ sic̃ g^r in ro^lo p̃cedenti.

- - Idem - - LX vacc. de p̃da Morchođ Ofelan—
- - Idem - - CX ħi. VI š. VIII đ. de arr^o XIIIme laicoz Lageñ
- - Idem - - XX š I đ de arr^o Clicoz Lageñ

Wiłłmus fił Galfř - ř Comp̃ de LXXVIII ħi. V š. VIII đ. de debito p̃is sui—In thř̃o Lib̃. X m̃i p I tall—et debet LXXI ħi. XII š. IIII đ.

Step̃his Archiđ - ř Comp̃ de LXXIII ħi. de fine an'c̃ Juris sue—In thř̃o Lib̃ VI ħi p II tall—Et debet LXVII ħi—

- - Hin^9—Macgormagille - V m̃i p Venac̃oe Capta in foresta dñi R̃.

Fathec Macgormagille - IIII^or m̃ p eodem
Magn^9 Macgormagille - ř comp̃ IIII^or m̃ p eodem
Fergel - Macgormagille - XL š p eodem
Donenald Macgormagille - II m̃i p eodem
} In thř̃o Lib̃ III m̃i p I tall—Et q̃ Inq'stū fuit Ita nō c̃e p Judiciū Baroñ relaxat'eis debitū—Et Quieti sūt—

Hamund^9 Not - - ř Comp̃ de I m̃^r p Lic̃ Concord̃—In thř̃o Lib̃ p I tall—Et Quiet^9 est
Adam - Brun - dim̃ m̃ p defta
- - Idem - - - III^s ptem de XXIIII m̃i p dist'ng̃ Wiłł de sc̃o Mich̃
- - Idem - - - dim̃ m̃ p ſto Clam̃
Geroldus de Ruſ̃ - LI ħi VI š XI đ de pħibz debitis Thom̃ fił Antoñ—
Wiłłmus de Kantilup - LI ħi VI š XI đ p eodem
Stephius Archidiacon^9 - LI ħi VI š XI đ p eodem
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Joñis de Stanton - I m̃. q^m Cep̃ de Hug̃ de Clinton qũ fuit in loco Vic̃ de Uriel.
- - Idem - - dim̃ m̃i q^m Cepit de H. de Ardiz
David de T'bville - dim̃ m̃ q̃ nō ħuit quīn pł
Hñr Lup^9 - ř Comp̃ de I m̃ p ſto Clamor̃
In thř̃o Lib̃ p I tall. Et quiet^9 est
Gilbtus de Lechenan - I m̃. p ſto Clamor̃
Ric̃ de Karren - ř Comp̃ de XX m̃i s^i p̃stitis de Scc̃io—In thř̃o Lib̃. XV m̃i.—Et R̃ de Burg̃ tc̃ justic̃ in Lib̃ suis V m̃. p breṽ ip̃ius—Et Quietus est.
Maurittius fił Gerold 't Petř de B̃megham. - X m̃. p Theobaldo Pinc̃na
Joñis Travers - ř Comp̃ de VIII ħi. VIII š. X đ. ob.—In thř̃o n'l Et p Recordū s^ec̃ii 't Judiciū Baroñ q̃ Idē nō p̃cepat de t̃ra Almař de sc̃o amando q̃'ntū p̃cipisse dicebatur, Quietus Clamatur—Et Quiet^9 est.
Wiłłmus de Capella 't Pagan^9 Cissor - dim̃ m̃i p pł Seburge—
Robtus Witter - ř Comp̃ de dim̃ m̃i p defalta—In thř̃o Lib̃ p. I. tall—Et Quiet^9 est
Phillip̃ de Luchcumbe - dim̃ m̃ q̃ ret'xit se—
[ ] S̃viens de Baligan̄an X š. p pł Wiłłmi S̃vienť q̃ nō p̃secut^9 appłł de Landa Rylan - I m̃ p defalta.
—— talebot-dim̃ m̃ p defalta
—— Milon de villa Jacob jux^a Naas - dim̃ m̃ p pł Mang̃ fiłł Robti Estac̃
Et Quiet^9 est In thř̃o Lib̃ p I tall
—— Mauř Offergel - ř Comp̃ de I m̃ de ſto Clamor̃ In thřo Lib̃ p I tall — Et Quiet^9 est.
—— fił Stephi - dim̃ m̃ p pł p̃dcī M fił Robti Estac̃
—— de šco florenť - dim̃ m̃ p defalta—In thř̃o Lib̃ p I tall—Et Quiet^9 est—
Thom̃ Boscher - ř Comp̃ de I m̃ q̄ retraxit se—In thř̃o Lib̃ p I tall—Et Quiet^9 est—
- - Idem - - - ř Comp̃ de XX š q̄ nō ē p̃secut^9—In Thř̃o lib̃ p I tall—Et Quiet^9 est.
S Comp̃ Ep̃atus Darenš existentis in manu dñi R̃ a die̅ ħati Barthi Apłi usq̄ ad die̅ beati Martini conf'
S Gaffey Señ đni Dubliñ - ř Comp̃ de XVIII ħi VI š ob̃ de redditu p̃dcī Ep̃atus p p̃dc̃m t̃ps—Et de XIX š X đ de placit 't pq'sitis p Idē t̃ps—S^a XIX ħi V š X đ ob̃—
S In thř̃o XVII ħi XIII š X đ Lib̃ p I Tall—Et in exp̃nsis p̃dcī Señ 't S̃vič p dc̃m t̃ps XXXII š ob̃—Et Quiet^9 est—— ——

II.—Anno

ADDENDA to Ld. Treas. Rem. Return, p. 132, *ante*.

II.

Anno 45° Hen. 3tii.——Memb. 6a in Dorso.

Prior t Monachii de Glaskarrak—Dimid mar - ut Scribatur in magno rotulo qd Walleranus de Wellesl venit coram Laronibz, dedit t concessit t carta sua confirmavit in puram t ppetuam Elemosinam do t Eccle bē Mar de Glaskarrak priori t Monachi ordinis Tyronenš do ibidem svientibz totam terram illam cū ptñ ijm huit de Nichō Hibnico que vocatur Hacyrular habend t tenend Libe t quiete, pacifice t honorifice Integre t plenar, in Bosco t plano — in p'tis t pascuis in moris t marisc in Ripis t Ripariis, in viis t aquis in semitis in staguis t molendinis cū omibz libtatibz t libis consuetudinibz ijs Idem Walleranus huit vel hre potuit salvis svitiis, redditibz, releviis, t oi Jur Capitalium dñoz except—Dcus vero Walleranus t heredes sui dcis priori t monachis dcam tram cū omibz suis ptinenc t libtatibz pscriptis contra omes hoes t femias warrantizabunt inppetuū — Et inde fecit cartam suam pdcis priori t monachis que hoc testatur p testimoñ Willi de Cantynton David Borard Willi de Dene, Willi Anglici, Walti de Neville, Walti de Dene Thom fil Ric t multoz alioz.—

III.

Ex Rotulo comp de anno r r Henr XLVI°.

Ffromundus le Brun d dimid mar ut scbatur in magno R qd David Basset dedit & concessit & carta sua confirmavit eid Ffromundo le Brun totum manium de Rabo cū omibz suis ptinenc sine ullo rettenemento una cum ijtuor marcis annui redditus & dnio de Balidufgil Tenend & hab si & heredibus suis vt suis assignat de pdco David et heredibz suis libe quiete bñ in pace Integre & hereditar inppetuū Reddendo inde pdco Dd & heredibus suis pdcus Ffromundus & heredes vt sui assign unū par cyrothecaz p annum ad pascli vt unū den & faciendo capitalibz dñis feodi illius sviciū fforinsecum de eod manio debitum p omibz sviciis exaccōnibz et demandis secularibz. p hac autem donacone concessione & carte confirmacone pdcus Ffromundus dedit pdco David Trescentas & triginta marcas p manibz Et ipe David & heredes sui totum pdcm manū cū suis ptinenc & cū pdcis redditu & dñio de Balidufgil pdco Fromund & hered suis vt suis assign p pdcm sviciū cont omes warantizabunt acquietabunt & defendent inppetuū. Et ut sua donaco concessio & confirmaco ppetue firmitatis robur optineat cartam pdci Ffromundi sigilli sui municione roboravit p testimoñ Rici de Lupell Johis de Verdun Thom fil Leonis Miloñ le Bret Rici Tirel Robti de Clahull Thom le Brettoñ Hugoñ de Belynges Augtini fil Rogi Luce le Chamberleng Ade le Latuñ Johis de Rabo t alioz.————

IV.

Rot. Annis IX° & X° Hen IV.

Compotus Venabilis Pris Thom Archiep Dubliñ t Cancellar dñi Regis de custodia prise vinoz infra dñi Regis Hibñ in manu dñi Regis fone minoris etatis Jacobi fil t Heredis Jacobi le Botiller nup Comitis Ermoñ defuncti nup Pincne dñi Regis re pdce existen a XXIII° die Octobr anno r r nunc Septimo (quo die Idem dñs Rex p tras suas patentes t manucapcōem Rogi Walsh de Dubliñ t Johis Mordoñ Vicarii Ecclie de Ratouth in Com Mid comisit eid Venabil pri Custodiam pdcam tend pcipiend t Levand dcam prisam p se t deputatos suos de quacunq, nave de ce'o ad quoscunq, portus re pdce infa Com Dublin Mid Loueth t Waterford venient t applicant durante minori etate heredis pdci, Reddendo inde dño Regi p annū ad Scca'm suū Hib extentam inde fcam vel faciend ad tminos Pascli t Michis p equales porcōes (put in eisd tris patentibz in Rotulis Memoz tio sci Michis anno ejusdem Regis nunc octavo Irrotulat pleni Cont) usque ad XX diem Junii extunc px seqñ, quo die Idem Dñs Rex p bre suū dco venabili pri mandavit, qd ipe de custodia pdca de ce'o nullatenus Intromitt'et, put pat p bre pdcm in forulo Grossar huj sccii Remanen videlt p Alexm White t Willm Stakeboll suos attornat scilt p dimid annū, septem septimanas t sex dies.

IDEM Redd compotum de IIII li. de extenta prise vinoz pdict ad portū de Drogheda ex utraq, pte aque p tempus pdcm venient t applicant sicut pāt p quandam Inquis capt coram Willo Symcok t Johi Heyne Comissionariis dni Regis ad inqirend p Comissionē dci dni Regis assign apud Drogheda ex parte Uriel die Sabti px post festum sci Jacobi Apli anno r r nunc decimo int extentas t Inquisicōes de anno ejusdem Regis nunc decimo penes Rememoz huj sccii remanen——

ET de VIII li de extenta prise vinoz pdict ad portū Civitatis Dubliñ p idem tempus venient sicut pat p quandā aliā Inquis Coram Baroñ huj sccii apud Dubliñ die Martis px post festū sci Jacobi Apli anno ejusd regis nunc decimo Capt, int extentas t Inquis pdcas remanen——

ET de LIII š. IIII den de extenta prise vinoz pdict ad portū Civitatis Waterford p idem tempus venient sicut pat p quandā aliam Inquisicōem apud Waterford coram Willo Alyngton Thes dni Regis Hib Henrico Strangways t Henrico Stanyhurst Comissionariis ejusdem dñi Regis nunc in Com Waterford t alibi tam infra Libtates q'm extra circa divisa ipm dnm Regem tangent Inquirend faciend t exercend assign Capt int pdcas extentas t Inqs remanen - - - - Sma XIIII lib. XIII š. IIII den.

In thro XIIII li. XIII š. IIII den p quatuor tall - Sma pat, Et Quietus est.

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Note: Where the words "No date mentioned," occur, the Officer has

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ATHLONE Borough			1698 to 1810	1698 to 1810				
ATHY Borough			1738 to present time.		1738 to present time.			
CALLAN Borough			No date mentioned	No date mentioned				
CARRICKFERGUS Town			Assembly Book, containing Entries, (as above,) but no date mentioned.					No date mentd
CASHEL City								
CHARLEMONT Borough				Book containing Acts of Corporation, no date mentioned.				
CLONMEL Borough								
CORK				1690 to present time.				
DERRY	No Records particularly specified in the Return of the Chamberlain of Derry; but he states that the Records are kept in an Iron Chest, in							
DROGHEDA	Several Charters, but no dates mentioned.		From 1649 to 1811.	From 1649 to 1811.	From 1649 to 1811.			
DUBLIN City	No date mentioned		From 1696			From 1657.		
DUNDALK	No Records specified in the Return of the Town Clerk, but he states that the Records of the Borough are kept, in							
DUNGANNON								
ENNISKILLEN	1612			1706	1706			
HILSBOROUGH	The Sovereign states in his Return, that the Book containing the Records of the Elections in the Borough was sent up to Dublin shortly after the Union, to							
IRISHTOWN				1718 to present time.				
KELLS	No date mentioned			No date mentioned				
KILKENNY City	7th James I.			1656 to present time, except from 1687 to 1690.				
KINSALE Town				1652 to present time, with chasms.				
LIMERICK				Council Book, from 1746.	No date mentioned		No date mentioned	
LONDONDERRY; *v.* DERRY.								
MARYBORO'	Copy of Charter, no date mentioned.	From 1739.	From 1739.	From 1739.				
PORTARLINGTON				No date mentioned				
ROSS Borough								
SLIGO Borough		From 1754 to present time.	From 1754 to present time.	From 1754 to present time.		From 1754 to present time.		
STRABANE	10th James I.		No date mentioned	No date mentioned				
TRALEE Borough		No date mentioned	No date mentioned					
TRIM Borough			1775 to present time.	1680 to present time.		1768 to present period.		1684 to present time.
WATERFORD City	2d Charles I.		1700 to present time.	1669 to present day.	1765 to present time.		1790 to 1810	
WEXFORD Town	7th James I.	*		No date mentioned				
WICKLOW	11th James I.			1659 to 1810				
YOUGHALL Borough			From 1798 to present time.		From 1798 to present time.	From 1798 to present time.		

* *Note*:—All the Records of WEXFORD, to the year 1798, were

returned Records of the description referred to, but has not specified the date.

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- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	Town Clerk's Office - - -	233
- - -	1738 to present time.	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	House of Sovereign - - -	219
- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	In custody of Lord Callan's Agent -	222
No date ment[d]	No date ment[d]	- - -	No date ment[d]	No date ment[d]	No date ment[d]	No date ment[d]	- - -	- - -	In possession of the Mayor - -	208
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- - -	For the last 20 years.	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	Town Clerk's Office - - -	240
- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	The Chamberlain's House in the City of Derry - - - - - -	214
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- - -	No date ment[d]	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	House of Town Clerk - - -	235
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LIMERICK, ARDFERT, and AGHADOE	From 1660		From 1773	From 1773		Registry of the Diocese.
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MEATH	From 1735 to 1810	From 1767 to 1810	1730 to 1810	1742 to 1810	1735 to 1810	Court House, Navan.
OSSORY	From 1634 to present time.	From 1634 to present time.	From 1634, imperfect	From 1634, imperfect	From 1634, imperfect	Registry Office, Kilkenny.
RAPHOE	From 1691				From 1691	Registry Office of the Diocese.
ROSS; *v.* CORK.						
TUAM	1641 to present time; a chasm from 1745 to 1787.		1694 to present time; a chasm from 1715 to 1792.		1662 to present time	Registry Office, Tuam.
WATERFORD & LISMORE	From 1663	From 1663	No date mentioned	No date mentioned		Registry Office of the Diocese.

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ACHONRY; *v.* KILLALA.						
AGHADOE; ARDFERT; *v.* LIMERICK.						
ARMAGH	No date mentioned	No date mentioned	No date mentioned	No date mentioned	No date mentioned	No date mentioned
CASHEL	-	-	-	-	-	No date mentioned
CLOGHER	-	-	From 1717 to present time.	-	-	From 1660 to present time.
CLONFERT & KILMACDUAGH	-	-	-	-	-	-
CLOYNE	Before 1710, imperfect, from 1710, perfect.	Before 1710, imperfect; from 1710, perfect.	-	Before 1710, imperfect; from 1710, perfect.	Before 1710, imperfect; from 1710, perfect.	Before 1710, imperfect; from 1710, perfect.
CONNOR	No date mentioned	No date mentioned	-	-	No date mentioned	No date mentioned
CORK & ROSS	-	-	From 1521, with a chasm from 1612 to 1632.	-	-	-
DERRY	-	-	-	-	-	-
DOWN	-	From 1738	-	No date mentioned	No date mentioned	No date mentioned
DROMORE	No date mentioned	No date mentioned	-	-	-	No date mentioned
DUBLIN & GLENDELAGH	1684 to present time	1684 to present time	From 1700 to present time, with chasms.	From 1603	-	From 1708
FERNS	-	-	-	-	-	-
GLENDELAGH; *v.* DUBLIN.						
KILDARE	1678 to present time, irregular.	-	From 1740 to present time.	No date mentioned	No date mentioned	From 1678 to present time, irregular.
KILFENORA; *v.* KILLALOE.						
KILLALA & ACHONRY	From 1695 to present time, except a chasm from 1783 to 1792.	From 1695 to 1783, and from 1792 to present time.	From 1727 to 1761, and from 1781 to present time.	-	From 1695 to 1783, and from 1792 to present time.	From 1756
KILLALOE & KILFENORA	From 1668 to present time, with chasms.	-	From 1707 to present time.	-	-	No date mentioned
KILMACDUAGH; *v.* CLONFERT.						
KILMORE	-	No date mentioned	-	No date mentioned	No date mentioned	From 1745
LEIGHLIN	-	-	-	-	-	-
LIMERICK, ARDFERT & AGHADOE	-	From 1674	From 1742	-	-	From 1677 to present time, with chasms.
LISMORE; *v.* WATERFORD.						
MEATH	1712 to 1810, with chasms	1735 to 1810	-	1735 to 1810	1735 to 1810	1708 to 1810
OSSORY	-	Entries from 1634, imperfect.	From 1634, imperfect	From 1634, imperfect	-	From 1634, imperfect
RAPHOE	-	-	-	-	-	From 1691
ROSS; *v.* CORK.						
TUAM	-	-	1775 to present time	-	-	1730 *to* present time
WATERFORD & LISMORE	No date mentioned	No date mentioned	-	-	No date mentioned	-

Papers, belonging to the different Consistory Courts, and also respecting the words "No Date mentioned," *are likewise applicable hereto.*]

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13 *Chapter Books and Acts of Council.*	14 *Parish Registers.*	15 *Unions and Divisions of Parishes, and Acts for those purposes.*	16 *List and Number of Parishes, and the number united.*	17 *Visitation Books.*	18 *Instruments of Consecration of Churches, and Grants of Ground for Churches and Church Yards, &c.*	*Where kept.*
- - - -	- - - -	- - - -	- - - - -	- - - - -	- - - - -	Registry Office of the Diocese.
- - - -	No date mentioned -	- - - -	- - - - -	- - - - -	- - - - -	Registry of the Diocese.
- - - -	1800 to present time, with chasms.	From 1413 to present time.	45 Parishes, of which 4 are united.	- - - - -	- - - - -	Registry Office, Monaghan.
- - - -	- - - - -	- - - - -	- - - - -	- - - - -	- - - - -	Registry Office, Loughrea.
Before 1710, imperfect; from 1710, perfect.	- - - -	- - - - -	- - —132— - -	Before 1710, imperfect; from 1710, perfect.	Before 1710, imperfect; from 1710, perfect.	Registry of the Diocese.
- - - -	- - - -	No date mentioned -	- - - - -	No date mentioned -	No date mentioned -	Registry Office of the Diocese.
From 1521, with a chasm from 1612 to 1682.	No date mentioned, irregular.	- - - - -	Reference to the Account of Parishes, printed by Parliament.	- - - - -	- - - - -	Registry Office, City of Cork.
- - - -	- - - - -	- - - - -	- - - - -	- - - - -	- - - - -	Custody of Register.
- - - -	- - - - -	- - - - -	- - - -	From 1788 - - -	- - - - -	Registry Office of the Diocese.
- - - -	- - - - -	- - - - -	- - - - -	- - - - -	- - - - -	Registry Office, Dromore.
- - - -	From 1720 - -	1638 to 1640, and from 1684 to present time.	- - —182— - -	From 1639 - - -	1684 to present time -	Registry Office of the Diocese.
From 1618 to 1723 -	From 1792, irregular	- - - - -	List of the Parishes -	- - - - -	- - - - -	Registry Office of the Diocese.
- - - -	No date mentioned -	- - - - -	List of the Parishes -	- - - - -	No date mentioned -	Registry Office of the Diocese.
- - - -	- - - - -	- - - - -	52 Parishes, of which 13 are united.	- - - - -	- - - - -	Registry Office of the Diocese.
- - - -	From 1707, very irregular.	- - - - -	135 Parishes, of which 41 are united in Killaloe, and 7 in Kilfenora.	No date mentioned -	- - - - -	Custody of Surrogate.
- - - -	- - - - -	- - - - -	30; of which 3 are united.	- - - - -	No date mentioned -	Registry Office, Cavan.
- - - -	1782 to present time	- - - - -	88; of which 14 are united.	- - - - -	- - - - -	Registry Office of the Diocese.
- - - -	No date mentioned -	- - - - -	- - - - -	Various dates - -	- - - - -	Registry of the Diocese.
1735 to 1810 - -	1800 to present time	- - - - -	215 Parishes, of which 158 are united.	- - - - -	1735 to 1810 - -	Court House, Navan.
- - - -	A few, and not regular	From 1634, imperfect -	62; of which 25 are united.	- - - - -	- - - - -	Registry Office, Kilkenny.
- - - -	- - - - -	- - - - -	- - - - -	- - - - -	- - - - -	Registry Office of the Diocese.
- - - -	From 1804 to present time.	- - - - -	22; and quarter parts of 7.	- - - - -	- - - - -	Registry Office, Tuam.
- - - -	- - - - -	- - - - -	Reference to Account of Parishes, printed by Parliament.	- - - - -	- - - - -	Registry Office of the Diocese.

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AGHADOE; ARDFERT; *v.* LIMERICK.						
ARMAGH	-	-	-	-	-	-
CASHEL	-	-	-	-	-	No date mentioned
CLOGHER	From 1770 to present time.	From 1712 to present time.	-	-	From 1701 to present time.	1681 to present time, with chasms.
CLONFERT & KILMACDUAGH	-	-	-	-	-	-
CLOYNE	Before 1710, imperfect; from 1710, perfect.	-	-	-	-	Before 1710, imperfect; from 1710, perfect.
CONNOR	-	No date mentioned	No date mentioned	No date mentioned	-	-
CORK & ROSS	-	-	-	-	-	From 1521, with a chasm from 1612 to 1682.
DERRY	-	-	-	-	-	-
DOWN	-	-	-	-	-	No date mentioned
DROMORE	-	No date mentioned	-	-	-	No date mentioned
DUBLIN & GLENDELAGH	1643 to present time	1684 to present time	1684 to present time	-	No date mentioned	-
FERNS	-	-	-	From 1618 to 1723	-	-
GLENDELAGH; *v.* DUBLIN.						
KILDARE	No date mentioned	No date mentioned	No date mentioned	No date mentioned	No date mentioned	No date mentioned
KILFENORA; *v.* KILLALOE.						
KILLALA & ACHONRY	-	-	-	-	From 1718 to 1728	From 1798, and a few prior.
KILLALOE & KILFENORA	-	-	-	-	-	No date mentioned
KILMACDUAGH; *v.* CLONFERT.						
KILMORE	-	-	-	-	No date mentioned	No date mentioned
LEIGHLIN	-	-	-	-	-	-
LIMERICK, ARDFERT & AGHADOE	-	-	-	-	From 1698	From 1678 to 1743
LISMORE; *v.* WATERFORD.						
MEATH	1735 to 1810	1712 to 1810	1712 to 1810	-	1735 to 1810	1735 to 1810
OSSORY	From 1634, imperfect	From 1634, imperfect	-	-	From 1634, imperfect	From 1634, imperfect
RAPHOE	-	-	-	-	-	-
ROSS; *v.* CORK.						
TUAM	1730 to present time	1670 to present time	-	-	1730 to present time	-
WATERFORD & LISMORE	-	-	-	-	-	-

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- - - -	- - - -	- - - -	- - - -	- - - -	- - - -	- - - -	Registry of the Diocese - -	300
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- - - -	- - - -	No date mentioned	- - - -	- - - -	- - - -	- - - -	Registry Office, Cavan - -	287
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Note: Where the words "No date mentioned" occur, the Officer

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CORK City - - - - -	For last 20 years -	For last 20 years -	For last 20 years -	For last 20 years - -	- - - -	- - - -
—— County - - - - -	1740 to present time	1747 to present time	1740 to present time	1740 to present time -	From 1711 to 1797	From 1760 to 1796
KERRY County - - - -	No date mentioned	No date mentioned	No date mentioned	No date mentioned -	No date mentioned	No date mentioned
LIMERICK City and County -	1780 to present time	- - - -	1780 to present time	1780 to present time -	- - - -	- - - -
TIPPERARY County - - -	1720 to present time	1751 to present time	1720 to present time	1720 to present time -	- - - -	- - - -
County and County of the City of WATERFORD - - - - -	1775 to present time	1775 to present time	1775 to present time	1780 to present time -	- - - -	- - - -
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Note, That where several Counties are put together, the Return is so made by the respective Officers, who are in such cases respectively Town Clerks to all

* The Records of the County of Donegal are complete from 1798; but during the Rebellion, which raged that year, those of a prior date were nearly destroyed.

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ARMAGH	For last 50 years	For last 50 years	No date mentioned	For last 50 years		
CARLOW	No date mentioned	From 1772	No date mentioned	1802 to present time		No date mentioned
CAVAN		From 1750	No date mentioned	From 1780		
CLARE	From 1801	From 1801	From 1801	From 1801		
CORK City	For last 20 years	For last 20 years	For last 20 years	For last 20 years		
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DONEGAL	From 1798 to 1810	From 1798 to 1810	From 1798 to 1810	From 1795 to 1810	No date mentioned	1793, 1794, and 1795
DOWN	No date mentioned	No date mentioned	No date mentioned	No date mentioned.—The Registry of the Boroughs of Down Patrick & Newry, but no date mentioned.	1783, 1790, and 1805	—1793—
DROGHEDA, County of Town of	From 1768 to 1811	From 1768 to 1811		1768 to 1811	1768 to 1811	1793 to 1811
DUBLIN County	1751 to present time	1752 to 1763	1759 to present time	1795 to present time; and Swords Borough Book for same period.	1802, 1806, and 1807	1793 to 1806
FERMANAGH		From 1780		From 1780		From 1793
GALWAY	Imperfect to 1809: from that to present time perfect.	1760 to 1808, imperfect; from 1808 to present time, perfect.	From 1805 to present time, perfect; prior to 1805, imperfect.	From 1805 to present time	From 1783 to pres^{t} time	From 1793 to pres^{t} time
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LEITRIM		From 1798 to present time	From 1798 to present time	From 1795 to present time		
LIMERICK City	For a considerable time past.	For a considerable time past.		For a considerable time past.		
LIMERICK County	No date mentioned	No date mentioned	No date mentioned	No date mentioned		
LONDONDERRY		1760 to present time	1796 to present time	From commencement of Registry Act to pres^{t} time.		1793 to present time
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LOUTH	From 1794	From 1794	From 1794	From 1794		
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QUEEN'S County	No date mentioned		No date mentioned	No date mentioned		No date mentioned
ROSCOMMON	1796 to present time	1796 to present time	1796 to present time	1795 to present time	1797 to present time	1793 to present time
SLIGO	For last 30 years	For last 30 years	For last 30 years	For last 30 years		
TIPERARY	1775 to 1810	1787 to 1802	1718 to 1810	1796 to 1810	—1807—	
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WATERFORD City	1776 to present time	1790 to present time	1776 to present time	1751 to present time	1776 to present time	
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For last 50 years -	No date mentioned -	No date mentioned -	- - - -	- - - -	- - - -	At present in private House of Clerk of Peace; but a room is allotted in the new Court House for the Records.
No date mentioned -	No date mentioned -	No date mentioned -	No date mentioned -	No date mentioned -	- - - -	Office of Clerk of the Peace.
No date mentioned -	- - - -	- - - -	- - - -	- - - -	- - - -	Office of Clerk of the Peace in Town of Cavan.
From 1801 - - -	From 1801 - - -	From 1801 - - -	From 1801 - -	From 1801 - -	- - - -	Office of Clerk of Peace in Town of Ennis.
- - - -	For last 20 years -	- - - -	- - - -	- - - -	- - - -	Peace Clerk's Office, Cork.
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1772 to 1809 - -	- - - -	1796 & 1797 - -	- - - -	- - - -	- - - -	Office of Clerk of the Peace in Lifford.
No date mentioned -	- - - -	No date mentioned -	No date mentioned -	No date mentioned -	- - - -	Office of Clerk of the Peace.
- - - -	1768 to 1811 - -	- - - -	- - - -	- - - -	- - - -	Partly in the Tholsel in Drogheda, and partly at the rear of the House of Clerk of the Peace.
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From 1780 - - -	For last 2 years - -	From 1780 - -	From 1780 - -	- - - -	- - - -	Court House, Enniskillen.
From 1796 to present time	From 1808 to pres. time	1795 to present time -	1796 to present time	1796 to present time	- - - -	Private House in Loughrea.
- - - -	No date mentioned -	No date mentioned -	- - - -	No date mentioned -	- - - -	County Court House.
No date mentioned -	- - - -	- - - -	- - - -	- - - -	- - - -	Offices of Clerk of the Peace in Naas and Athy.
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No date mentioned -	- - - -	No date mentioned -	- - - -	- - - -	- - - -	Peace Offices in Birr and Philipstown.
From 1798 to present time	No date mentioned -	From 1807 to present time	- - - -	From 1807 to pres^{t} time	- - - -	Private House in Carrick on Shannon.
- - - -	For a considerable time past.	For a considerable time past.	For a considerable time past.	For a considerable time past.	- - - -	Exchange of Limerick.
No date mentioned -	No date mentioned -	No date mentioned -	- - - -	No date mentioned -	- - - -	In House of Clerk of Peace.
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No date mentioned -	No date mentioned -	No date mentioned -	- - - -	- - - -	- - - -	Private House in Town of Longford.
From 1794 - - -	From 1794 - - -	From 1794 - - -	From 1794 - -	- - - -	- - - -	Peace Clerk's House in Dublin.
No date mentioned -	No date mentioned -	No date mentioned -	No date mentioned -	No date mentioned -	- - - -	Peace Clerk's Office, Castlebar.
From 1767 to present time	No date mentioned -	From 1796 to present time	From 1788 to pres. time	From 1796 to pres^{t} time	- - - -	Peace Office, Town of Trim.
No date mentioned -	No date mentioned -	No date mentioned -	- - - -	No date mentioned -	No date mentioned -	House of Clerk of Peace in Monaghan.
No date mentioned -	No date mentioned -	No date mentioned -	- - - -	No date mentioned -	- - - -	Clerk of the Peace's Office.
1768 to present time -	- - - -	1796 to present time -	- - - -	1799 to present time	- - - -	Office of Clerk of Peace.
For last 30 years -	- - - -	- - - -	- - - -	- - - -	- - - -	House of Clerk of Peace.
1770 to 1810 - -	- - - -	1807 to 1810 - -	- - - -	- - - -	- - - -	Peace Office, Court House.
1796 to present time -	1796 to present time -	1796 to present time -	- - - -	- - - -	- - - -	House of Clerk of Peace.
1790 to present time -	1804 to present time -	1796 to present time -	- - - -	1798 to present time	- - - -	Office of Clerk of Peace.
From 1792 to present time	From 1797 to pres. time	From 1796 to present time	- - - -	From 1796 to pres^{t} time	- - - -	House of Deputy Clerk of Peace.
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- - —1800— - -	1808, 1809 & 1810 -	1799 - - - -	- - - -	- - - -	- - - -	Peace Clerk's Office, Enniscorthy.
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ARMAGH	For last 50 years	For last 50 years	-	-	No date mentioned	-	-
CARLOW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CAVAN	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CLARE	-	-	-	-	From 1801	-	From 1801
CORK CITY	-	-	-	For last 20 years	For last 20 years	-	For last 20 years
CORK COUNTY	No date mentioned	-	From 1794	-	From 1794	-	-
DONEGAL	-	-	-	-	1808 to 1810	-	-
DOWN	No date mentioned	-	No date mentioned	-	No date mentioned	-	-
DROGHEDA, County of Town of	-	-	1768 to 1811	From 1768 to 1811	From 1768 to 1811	1768 to 1811	1768 to 1811
DUBLIN COUNTY	-	30 Geo. II. to 1790	No date mentioned	1756 to 1800	1799 to present time	1721 to present time	1759 to present time, with a chasm from 1798 to 1805.
FERMANAGH	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GALWAY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
KERRY	-	No date mentioned	No date mentioned	-	No date mentioned	No date mentioned	No date mentioned
KILDARE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
KILKENNY CITY	-	-	-	Oaths from 1758, Certificates of Sacrament from 1760 to 1790.	From 1775	-	-
KILKENNY COUNTY	-	-	-	-	To January 1811	1728 to 1810	-
KING'S COUNTY	-	-	No date mentioned	-	No date mentioned	-	-
LEITRIM	-	-	-	-	From 1798 to present time.	-	-
LIMERICK CITY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
LIMERICK COUNTY	-	-	-	-	No date mentioned	-	-
LONDONDERRY	-	1779 to present time	-	-	1793 to present time	Names from 1717 to present time, and Presentments from 1717 to 1773.	-
LONGFORD	-	-	No date mentioned	-	No date mentioned	-	-
LOUTH	-	-	-	-	From 1794	-	-
MAYO	No date mentioned	No date mentioned	No date mentioned	No date mentioned	No date mentioned	-	-
MEATH	No date mentioned	-	From 1793 to present time.	From 1767 to present time.	For 1810	-	—1791—
MONAGHAN	-	-	No date mentioned	-	No date mentioned	-	-
QUEEN'S COUNTY	No date mentioned	No date mentioned	No date mentioned	-	No date mentioned	-	-
ROSCOMMON	-	1797 to 1810	April to July 1793	-	For last 12 months	-	1796 to present time
SLIGO	-	-	-	-	For last 30 years	-	For last 30 years
TIPPERARY	-	-	-	-	1794 to 1810	-	-
TYRONE	-	1796 to present time	1796 to present time	-	1796 to present time	-	-
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WATERFORD COUNTY	-	-	No date mentioned	-	From 1793 to present time.	-	-
WESTMEATH	-	-	No date mentioned	-	For 1811	-	-
WEXFORD	—1810—	-	No date mentioned	-	—1809—	-	-
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The SECRETARY'S First GENERAL REPORT:

With an Appendix of QUERIES transmitted to Officers.

To His Majesty's Commissioners on the Public Records of Ireland.

The FIRST GENERAL REPORT, made pursuant to their Orders of the 18th of February, and 31st of July, 1811.

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IN obedience to the Order of this Honourable Board, bearing date the 11th September 1810, whereby I am directed forthwith to prepare and transmit to the several Officers of Record-Repositories in Ireland, similar QUERIES to those directed by the Select Committee of the English House of Commons, in the year 1800; in framing which Queries, I am ordered to pay a due regard to the following points—1st. The State of the Building in which Records are contained, as to security and accommodation—2d. The degree in which the Catalogues, Calendars, and Indexes, are complete—3d. The Number, Duties, and Remuneration of the Officers:—And, on obtaining the proper Answers to such Queries, to report such Answers, with any Observations that might occur connected with the subject, to The Board, on their next Meeting: I have now the honour of submitting to the consideration of The Board, the following REPORT.

IN entering upon this important subject, it was my intention to have stated, briefly, what had been done in former times respecting the Public Records of Ireland, with a view to explain the present state of the several Establishments and Repositories provided for their reception, and furnish useful lights for directing the course of future proceedings; but an apprehension of extending this Report to a length that might be inconvenient to the Board, has induced me only to advert to former Proceedings, when opportunities occur of referring to them in the course of the subsequent Observations.

I shall now beg leave to state my Proceedings, under Your order of September last; to forward which, and as a necessary foundation for all the rest, I thought it advisable to enlarge the List of Public Repositories in Ireland, as originally prepared by me for the Board, by adding a number of other Offices, which subsequently occurred to me. The List, I hope, will now be found to contain an accurate Account of every Repository, in which any Records, Rolls, Books or Papers, of Royal, Parliamentary, Judicial, or other public authority, have been usually kept; to comprehend not only those formerly inquired into by Parliament, but many others, to which the Legislature has never hitherto directed its attention, and to include every place that can with any propriety be classed under the heads of, GENERAL REPOSITORIES—OFFICES OF STATE—COURTS OF JUSTICE—CATHEDRALS—UNIVERSITY, AND COLLEGES—INNS OF COURT, AND PUBLIC LIBRARIES—and PUBLIC BOARDS.

I then proceeded to frame, and transmit to the proper Officer of each Repository, such Queries as appeared most proper for ascertaining the particular nature of its contents, as well as for collecting the information on the several points directed by the Order of the Board; distinguishing in the forms of those Questions, between such Offices as are open of right to all His Majesty's subjects, and those which are only established for the safe custody of Matters belonging to some particular branch of Government, or some peculiar Institution; and refraining from extending any inquiry into the nature and condition of such public Documents and Papers as are immediately connected with the current business of any of the great Offices of Government, in matters of Revenue, or War. For the distinct Forms of these several sets of Queries, I beg leave to refer to the First Appendix to this Report, marked 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. Page 406, *infra.*

The transmission of these Queries, with an official Letter requiring full Answers to each, was completed, with a very few exceptions, early in the month of October. The number of Lists transmitted to the several Officers, amounted nearly to four hundred; to which, one hundred and eighty-nine Returns or Answers were received previously to the 1st of February instant; Copies of which* constitute the Second Appendix to this Report.

The intervention of two Law Terms closely succeeding each other, may have prevented many Officers from complying with the Order of The Board; but I entertain no doubt that official Returns will yet be made by most of them to the Queries transmitted. And I have the satisfaction to observe to The Board, that the Returns which have been made, besides the detailed Accounts of the Records and Instruments to which they relate, will

* These Returns now form part of the Supplement to the Second Annual Report. See *ante*, p. 51, &c.

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will be found to contain many useful observations on the subject of this Commission; and also to exhibit correct views of several important branches of Public business, never before distinctly and authoritatively explained.

In the set of Queries designed for Diocesan Registries, it seemed expedient to frame an additional Quere, for the purpose of ascertaining the state of the Parochial Registries of Ireland, Copies of which are required, by the Canons of 1634, to be transmitted to the Diocesan or his Chancellor; and I beg leave most respectfully to solicit the attention of the Commissioners to this salutary regulation imposed by the Canon, the observance of which becomes of importance, considering the great utility that must be derived from it, in guarding the evidence of Title or Pedigree from spoliation or confusion.

In remarking on the respective Heads to which the Order of the Board has instructed me to attend, I beg leave to consolidate with my own Observations, those of the English Sub-Commissioners, who visited Ireland in 1806.

These Heads comprise—1st. BUILDINGS,—2d. CATALOGUES, &c.—3d. DUTIES, &c. of OFFICERS.

I. *Buildings.*

IN viewing the several Repositories allotted for the Preservation of Public Records, I have to regret the condition of most of the Buildings. These being either PUBLIC or PRIVATE, it may be most convenient to assign a distinct consideration to each.

Under the former may be classed the GENERAL REPOSITORIES; comprehending Birmingham Tower, Parliamentary Record Office, and Registry for Deeds; the Offices of State, and the Offices attached to the Courts of Justice in Dublin.

1. BIRMINGHAM TOWER, which contains some of the most ancient and valuable Records in Ireland, appears, from the official Returns, to have been endangered by fire, whereby some of the Rolls were burned, and others much injured; and it still incurs the same continued risk, from the basement story of the Building being occupied as a kitchen.

2. THE RECORDS OF THE TWO HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT, although lodged in a House belonging to the Board of Works (to which, as appears by the Report of the English Sub-Commissioners, they were removed under circumstances very unfavourable to security and regularity) are still exposed to the double hazard of destruction by fire and the falling of the Building, which is so insecure as to require the support of props and uprights.

3. THE REGISTRY FOR DEEDS, &c. has lately been removed (contrary to the opinion of Lord Chancellor Redesdale) from the Lower Castle Yard, to one of the Wings of the new Buildings adjoining the Four Courts, "to the exclusion," as his Lordship observes*, "of some of the Officers of the Courts, the Documents "of whose Offices are of great public concern."

4. OF THE OFFICES ATTACHED TO THE COURTS OF JUSTICE, it may be necessary to give a more detailed account. The original design of procuring Repositories for the Public Records of the superior Courts, may be traced back to the time when the Earl of Strafford was Lord Deputy, who, after stating in a dispatch† to Mr. Secretary Coke, dated March 1635, "how inconvenient it is, that there is not a place set apart for the "Court of Wards, as there are for his Majesty's other Courts of Justice here," adds, that "the want of "Treasuries for his Majesty's Records of his Four Courts hath been an occasion of mighty hindrance to "the King and the Subject; in that many Records, whereof great use might have been made for the profit "and service of his Majesty, and for the security and advantage of the subject, have by that means been "lost and embezzled, and sometimes burnt, as had happened within a few years; the Office of the Rolls "being kept (as now most Records here are) in the Officer's house, which having taken fire, many Records "were therein burnt, and many more by that occasion embezzled, with extreme prejudice to his Majesty and "his Subjects in their several interests."

In consequence of the Lord Deputy's representation‡, as stated in the subsequent part of his dispatch, Buildings for a Court of Wards and Rolls Office were completed about the year 1639. It is however to be regretted that the remainder of this useful measure of erecting Buildings at the Public expense, for the above purposes, as well as a magnificent design at the same time in contemplation, respecting the formation of a Parliament-House and Courts of Justice on the site of Buildings belonging to the Society of King's Inns §, were totally frustrated by the Civil Wars which distracted the Kingdom during the remainder of that century; and it does not appear that any step was taken, on the Restoration of Charles II. or on the Settlement of the Kingdom in the reign of William and Mary, to retrieve the general mischief produced by those times of confusion and disorder.

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* Letter to the Earl of Hardwicke. Vide Proceedings of Eng. Rec. Com.

† Vide Lord Strafford's Letters, V. 1. p. 527. Dub. Ed.

‡ Vide Lodge's MS. List of Pat. Off. Vol. I. In a Note he states, that "The Court of Wards is now fallen, and in "ruins; the Rolls Office still subsists (1760) but in a crazy condition, and supported by props, though much better than "for many years past, being repaired at a great expense by Mr. Rigby, Master of the Rolls."

§ Vide Duhigg's Hist. King's Inns, p. 154.

It was not till the following century, in the year 1739, that the Irish House of Commons revived this scheme of a Public Repository for the Records*; after which, half a century elapsed, before the present Structure on the King's Inns Quay was completed. These Buildings are represented by Lord Chancellor Redesdale, "as not well adapted in general to the purposes for which they were designed." In this idea many of the principal Officers employed in these Courts have concurred. His Lordship adds, "that several "of the rooms, and all in the basement story, are very damp; and that the whole Building ought to be "secured against inundation, and the constant oozing of the banks of the river, to which it is liable."

The Return from the Deputy Keeper of the Rolls, represents the quarter of the Building which contains the Record Room of the Rolls Office, as not being secure against the weather; while the Return from the Register of Deeds, &c. whose Office is situated in the opposite or eastern wing, states some serious local objection on that side; and the Officers of the Common Pleas and Exchequer, complain of being straitened in space for transacting the business of their respective departments. In addition to these inconveniencies which are experienced in different departments, it must generally be remarked, that the enormous mass of fifty tons weight of Books, Papers, Documents, &c. belonging to the Auditor General's department, which, as appears by his Return, are now placed in the Dome immediately over the Hall of the Four Courts, may not unreasonably create apprehensions for the safety of the entire fabric, as well as for the preservation of the many ancient and important Documents deposited therein.

In reverting to the Second part of the head under discussion, viz. Private Buildings as Repositories for Records, it becomes necessary to refer to the opinion of the Committee of the Irish House of Lords in 1739†, when, after noticing the evil felt by the Kingdom, in consequence of the destruction of the Council-Office by fire, and commenting on the circumstances of Public Records being kept in private houses, the Committee observes, that "thus the Public Records, which concern the property of the whole Kingdom, were "liable to be distrained for rent; and that upon the death of the Officers, they must for a time be entirely "in the power of their Representatives, who, should they prove corrupt or negligent, might in a few hours "destroy a multitude of them."

Although the wisdom of the Irish Parliament has in some measure protected from this evil, the chief part of the Public Records deposited in the Metropolis, yet it will be found that in most of the interior parts of Ireland, this practice, of permitting the Records to remain in private Buildings or Dwelling-houses, still continues, and has produced the most serious and alarming consequences: in many instances, the Records so situated having been totally dispersed, and finally lost.

IN THE INTERIOR, Repositories for preserving Records may be conveniently classed under the two heads, Civil, and Ecclesiastical. Documents of the first description, are chiefly deposited in the hands of the Clerks of the Peace, who are the Deputies to the Custodes Rotulorum; the latter are to be found in the several Diocesan Registries.

1. *The Clerks of the Peace,* as appears from the Returns that have been made, are provided with Offices constructed at the Public expense, in only seven of the thirty Counties and Cities from which Returns have been received.

2. *The Diocesan Registries* in ten Dioceses from whence Returns have been received, appear, with but a single exception, to be kept in private Buildings.

While observing upon Ecclesiastical Repositories, it seems highly necessary to take notice of the condition of the Office of the Court of Prerogative in Dublin, and the state of the Building in which the Records, &c. of that Court are now deposited. It is no doubt important to the establishment of private rights, that the Wills and Proceedings of the Ecclesiastical Courts should every where be placed in perfect safety; but here the Wills are placed in glass cases, in an insecure apartment in an old wainscotted house in Henrietta-street, while the Books and Proceedings of the Court are lying scattered on the floor, in waste rooms in the attic story, immediately under a roof which is in a very decayed state, and in danger of falling in.

From the Surveyor General's Office, no Return has yet been received; but I can state from my own observation, that the representation of the English Sub-Commissioners, respecting this Repository, which contains the Down Survey and other valuable matters, is accurately descriptive of the insecure state in which they are deposited.

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* The Resolution entered on the Journals of the House is as follows:—"Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the erecting a public Building for the keeping of the Offices and Records of this Kingdom, will contribute greatly to the security of this Nation, and ease of the Suitors." Vide Commons Jour. V. 4. p. 327.

† It appears, by the Report of the Committee of the Lords, that the King's Bench-Office was then kept in School-house Lane, one of the narrowest in Dublin; the Office of the Prothonotary of the Common Pleas, in Wine-Tavern Street; that of the Keeper of the Writs and Chirographer, in Bride Street; the Pleas Office of the Exchequer, in Castle Street; and the Chief Remembrancer's Office, in Kennedy's Lane: And they state, that, except the Offices of the Parliament, Council, and Registry, and some others in the Castle, they have not found one in a safe and commodious situation. Vide Lords Jour. V. 3. p. 452.

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It is humbly hoped, that the Observations which I have thus had the honour of submitting to The Board on the head of BUILDINGS, will not be deemed superfluous, since repeated instances of Records being destroyed by fire, occur throughout the Returns annexed to this Report; of this, there is a memorable and melancholy example in the Council Office, from a fire in the year 1711*, when almost the whole of its Records, Books and Papers, eminently affecting the interests of both Church and State, were totally burnt or dispersed.

The observations on this general head, I shall beg leave to close with a List of such Record Repositories or Public Offices in Dublin, as are still lodged in private Buildings; viz.

Parliamentary Record Office.
Office of Arms.
Report Office in Chancery.
Clerk of the Faculties.
Secretary of Bankrupts.
Enrolments in Bankruptcy.
Pipe Office, including Clerk, Comptroller, &c.
Transcriptor and Foreign Apposer.
Summonister and Clerk of the Estreats.
Solicitors of Casual Revenue, and of Quit and Crown Rents.
First Fruits Office.
Escheators of Provinces.
Report Office in the Exchequer.
Accountant General's of - Ditto.
Examiners of - - - - Ditto.
Clerk of the Errors.
Secretary and Register to the Court of Appeals and Spiritual Provocations.
Judges Registers.
Sheriffs Offices of County and City of Dublin.
All the County Offices, including Manor Courts.

II. *Of Calendars and Indexes.*

IT must be obvious to the Board, that Public Calendars and Indexes should be forthwith formed or completed; in the execution of which, the Commission may expect considerable aid from the ordinary diligence as well as the local information of some of the Persons usually employed in those Offices. The consideration of this head naturally directs the attention to the valuable Collection of Books compiled by the late Mr. Lodge †, Deputy Keeper of the Rolls and of the Records in Birmingham Tower, from the Patent and Close Rolls; to both of

* IN the same House with the Council Office, the Surveyor General's Office was also kept, at the period mentioned in the text; and in the same fire which destroyed the Records there alluded to, part of the Down Survey, together with many of the most valuable Maps, Books and Papers, belonging to the Surveyor General's Office, were destroyed. Some estimate of the serious loss occasioned by this fire to the landed property of Ireland, may be collected from the following Abstract from the Patent Roll 23° Car. II. 2d P. F. R. 9.—"By letters from Whitehall, dated 20th September 1671, the King directed that the custody, charge, and keeping of all the Records, Offices, Inquisitions, Books of Entries, Journals, Claims, Schedules, Contracts, Deeds, Transcripts, Certificates, Reports, Abstracts, Accompts, Rules, Valuations, Returns, Warrants, Orders, Instructions, and Extracts, Copies or Duplicates of them, and all other Books, Papers, Writings, Escripts, and Muniments whatsoever, now or late in the custody, or formerly belonging to the late Commissioners for executing the Declaration of the 30th of November 1660, for the Settlement of Ireland, for executing the Acts of Settlement, or any former Commissioners, or Courts of Claims, Qualifications, or others heretofore appointed for settling or distributing of Lands, &c. should be forthwith by Inventories indented, delivered to Sir James Shaen, Knt. and Bart. Surveyor General of Ireland, or to his Deputy or Deputies, to be kept and preserved by him and them; excepting only such Records, Books, and other of the premises as by the said Acts of Settlement and Explanation were directed to be returned in, or lodged elsewhere; and excepting such other Records as were lodged in the proper Offices of the Rolls, Exchequer, King's Bench, and Common Pleas; and that the three Rooms in the new Custom House, Dublin, commonly called the Green Chamber, formerly in the possession of the Trustees for the Forty-nine Officers, with the Presses, Books, and Writings therein, be by Inventory delivered into the custody of the said Surveyor General, or his Deputy or Deputies, for the better preservation and using of the said Books, Papers, Writings, and premises."

† THE following is a Catalogue of Lodge's MS. Books, as annexed to the King's Letter for purchasing said MSS. dated August 15, 1785; with Observations, included in Parentheses, and an Addenda:

Number of Sets.		Total Number of Volumes.
I.	Fourteen Volumes of entitled Records of the Rolls, with one Green Book, the Index to them, folio. (This Green Book has been rebound in Calf.)	15.
II.	One Convert Book, folio	16.
III.	One Volume, Articles with Irish Chiefs, Denizations, General Pardons, Commissions, Pensions, &c. folio	17.
IV.	Two Volumes of Wardships, Liveries, Alienations, folio	19.
V.	One Book, Parliamentary Register from 1559 anno 2nds Elizab. folio, see page 277 for Contents	20.
VI.	One Book of Miscellaneous Collections, High Sheriffs, &c. from 1600 to 1773	21.
VII.	One Book, Miscellaneous, Counties Palatine, Exclusive Grants, &c.; one Patent Rolls K. (Henry) VIII. K's Letters, folio	23.
VIII.	One with Lists of Members of the King's Inns, with their Officers, &c.; extracted from the Society's Books, being 5 in number, folio	24.
IX.	Two Numbers of Acta Regia Hibernia (Hiberniæ;) one of them 28, the other 74 pages, not bound (one of these Books commences with the reign of Henry VIII. the other with that of James Ist; both have been since bound)	26.
X.	Two large folio Volumes, Patentee Officers, and Offices to Officers in Ireland	28.

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of which Collections these Books, as far as they go, form partial Calendars, Abstracts and Indexes. The English Sub-Commissioners represent this Compilation, which now consists of Thirty-six Volumes of various sizes, to be of great importance, as containing a vast mass of useful information, well abstracted and digested. They further observe, that "it may perhaps serve to suggest a Plan, and at the same time offer a Specimen, for translating, arranging, and digesting the Contents of all the Records of the Kingdom, so as to afford the easiest reference, and the completest Abstract possible.

I.—Birmingham Tower contains a multifarious Collection of Documents and Public Records; for, besides the Patent and Close Rolls, there are Pipe Rolls, Rolls of Common Pleas, and Pleas of the Crown, &c. which are not comprised in Lodge's Books; also, Books of Sheriffs' Accounts, and many Volumes of State Papers, Orders of Council, &c. There is no Index whatever to the Records in the Tower, but part of a Repertorium, consisting of Two Volumes, referring only to the Patent and early Plea Rolls, which the Officer conceives to be merely a draft of a Repertorium commenced but never perfected.

II.—Parliamentary Record Office. There has been no Return from the Officer of this Repository; but it appears, in the Observations of the English Sub-Commissioners, that these important Records and Documents are in great confusion and disorder. As there are no Calendars or Indexes (except the Journals of the House of Lords) they state, that "it is very difficult to obtain information of the existence of any Act, "or to have recourse to the Act, if known to exist;" and that "this deficiency is the more prejudicial, as the "like defect exists at the Rolls Office, whither engrossed Copies of the Acts were from time to time "transmitted."

III.—In the Registry for Deeds, &c. the Calendars prescribed by the Act of Parliament appear, from the Return, to have been fairly and duly kept. It likewise appears, from the same authority, that by the great and exemplary diligence and labour of the Father of one of the present Deputies, the late George Moore, esq. a new mode of entering the Parties' Names, in matters recorded in this Office, was struck out; whereby they were so arranged as greatly to facilitate the business of the Public. On this article, however, I beg leave to refer to the present Officer's Return, and the Memorial to His Grace the Lord Lieutenant, mentioned therein.

IV.—Offices of State. Under this head of general classification, Returns will appear to have been made from all of them, except the Council Office. The Return from the Paper Office seems very important, and corroborates the account given of it by the English Sub-Commissioners in 1806. To ascertain the condition of this Office, as well as the value and extent of the duties imposed on the Officer, it is sufficient to state the purpose for which the Office was originally instituted in the reign of Queen Anne, as given in Lodge's List of Patentee Officers, in these words*:—"For custody of Copies or Duplicates of all Books "of Entries, wherein any King or Queen's Letters, Warrants, Orders, Petitions, and other Letters, are "entered, belonging to both Secretaries' Offices of the Chief Governors (Copies of their private Letters only "excepted;) by which means all people from time to time might have recourse to and be supplied with "Copies of such Orders, &c. and all Chief Governors be informed and acquainted with the transactions and "proceedings of their predecessors." How far these intended advantages have been realized to the Public, by the several Officers, from the time of the institution, is submitted to the consideration of The Board; while it becomes my duty to state, that the corresponding Department in England has not shrunk into a mere sinecure, with a Salary of 500 *l.* a year to the Principal, and 10 *l.* a year to a Deputy, as is the case here; since in the Proceedings of the English Record Commissioners, measures appear to have been taken, by Officers employed under that Commission in the State Paper Office there, for supplying materials for a continuation of that valuable Collection known by the name of "Rymer's Fœdera."

V.—Courts

* Vide Lodge's MS. List of Pat. Off. p. 156.

Number of Sets.		Total Number of Volumes.
XI.	A thin Marble Cover, not bound, List of Patentee Officers in Ireland; a Quarto, of the Establishment Military and Civil in 1727, altered to 1760, a true copy	29.
XII.	A Printed Pamphlet. The Usage of holding Parliaments; with Notes by Doctor Lucas: With additional Observations, and Poyning's Act, &c. in Manuscript, by the Author of the first Pamphlet (written in 1770)	30.
XIII.	The Irish Baronage, or a List of the Peers of Ireland, from the Reduction of the Kingdom by Henry II. so far as can be collected from Record and History	31.
XIV.	On a Sheet of Paper is A View of the Peerage of Ireland, at the end of the Reign of Queen Anne, (enrolled the 18th December 1783)	32.
	ADDENDA.	
XV.	A Folio Volume of Stenographic Notes relating to Grants of Lands, &c.	33.
XVI.	Another, of the same kind, relating to Inquisitions; and among others, the Strafford Inquisitions	34.
XVII.	Another, being Memoranda and Extracts from the Rolls Office, &c.	35.
XVIII.	A small Volume, containing Rolls Office Accounts down to 1774	36.

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V.—Courts of Justice form the next article of general classification. And while the attention of the Board is fixed on this most useful and necessary head, of Catalogues and Indexes, I beg leave for the present to select for their consideration a few of the principal Repositories, which, from the importance of their contents to the Public, or the state of derangement into which they appear to have fallen, seem to demand the earliest attention of the Commissioners. These are, the Rolls, the Auditor General's, and Chief Remembrancer's Office.

1. *In the Rolls*, are the Records of the High Court of Chancery, consisting, generally, of Enrolments and Pleadings. The Sub-Commissioners of 1806* represent the Calendars and Indexes (which do not commence till the 22d of Henry VIII.) as nearly worn out; that some of them require to be transcribed; and that the Rolls themselves seem to require immediate attention. They state, that the Rolls of Parliament which are preserved here, have neither Index nor Calendar to the early Acts, nor to those subsequent to the 10th of Queen Anne.

By the Officer's Return, it appears that the Calendars and Indexes to the Patent Rolls, consisting of many folio Volumes, are some in good, and others in bad condition; and a general Index Locorum is recommended by him under this head. The References to the Rolls of Parliament have been already described by the English Sub-Commissioners. Of the Close Rolls, but one appears to have been preserved (tempore Car. I.) scarcely differing from the Patent Rolls. There is, however, a Catalogue of the several Grantees in this reign, referring to two folio volumes, one of which is lost. The Index to Cromwell's Rolls is stated to be in a very bad condition. To the Decree-Rolls there are References, consisting of two folio volumes, one of which is also represented to be in bad condition, very inaccurate, and confused; and the Officer adds, "If new "Calendars were made to these, and many other equally defective books, upon plans different from those "already practised, it would prove very advantageous to the Public." The Catholic Rolls are represented to be so obscure, obliterated and incorrect, as to render the Act of Parliament nugatory; and, as the Officer adds, "to the great injury of the Public, as well as the qualifying Individuals." To these Rolls, Calendars were attempted, but discontinued, the Fees allowed by the Act of Parliament not having been considered an adequate compensation. The Rolls and Pleadings in the Court Palatine of Tipperary† have no References to them; and generally, although there are a number of Volumes of Reference to the Pleadings and Proceedings of the Court of Chancery, yet some of them are stated to be in bad condition. Under the head of Miscellanea, are comprised numerous Bundles of Inquisitions and other valuable Documents, in a state of confusion and decay; which the Officer conceives, if rescued from oblivion and properly arranged, would be of great importance to the Public; and in his Answer to the fourth Quere, he states, "That there are no "general Catalogues of Records in the Rolls, but the particular Indexes already mentioned; many of which, "as has been already stated, are in bad order, and very defective."

The Return from the Rolls is also accompanied with a Plan for opening and keeping certain Books in the Courts of Chancery and Exchequer, for the purpose of ascertaining whether any Bills or Proceedings are pending, respecting the Title to Lands and Premises where third Persons might be affected by notice of such Bills. The Plan appears to have been formed by Steuart King, Esq.‡ and submitted to the Lord Chancellor Redesdale; and may possibly deserve the future consideration of the Board.

2. *The Chief Remembrancer's Office.*—The Return from this Office presents a variety of Records, Rolls, Instruments, and other public Documents, belonging to the Equity Side of the Court of Exchequer. For a review of its Contents, the most convenient classification may be that of Ancient and Modern Records.

The former comprehend the Memoranda Rolls, commencing in the reign of Edward I. containing various matters besides the Decrees of the Court, such as Charters of Towns, Letters Patent, Wards, Liveries, Acts of Parliament, &c.; to which there is no Index or Repertorium, previous to Edward VI. or subsequent to Charles II. This division includes a number of other Rolls, among which are several under the Act of Settlement, to which there are Indexes, but not general; also various kinds of Inquisitions, partly indexed, and in very bad condition; likewise, the Red Book of the Exchequer, and a variety of other valuable Documents.

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* Vide Proceedings of Eng. Rec. Com.

† On the extinguishment of the Regalities and Liberties of the County Palatine of Tipperary, by virtue of the Act of the 2d Geo. I. (Irish) all the Records and Proceedings of the several Courts Palatine were removed into the corresponding Offices of the superior Courts; viz. all Fines and Recoveries, and all the Records, Pleas, and Proceedings in any Civil Action, into the Court of Common Pleas, with the Docket, Minute and Rule Books, and all other Books relating to said Actions; and all Bills, Answers, Pleadings, Recognizances, Depositions, Decrees of the Chancery of Tipperary, and all Orders, Process, Affidavits, and Proceedings relating to any Suit therein, into the High Court of Chancery; and all Indictments and Appeals on which Judgment was given or Outlawry awarded, into the Crown Office in the Court of King's Bench; and such Indictments on which no Judgment was given or Outlawry awarded, to the Clerk of the Crown of the County of Tipperary.

‡ One of the Masters in Chancery.

The modern division seems to comprise the Proceedings on Sales, Charges and Discharges, filed by Suitors, with the Officers' Reports; a variety of Securities and Proceedings on the part of the Crown; besides Bills, Answers, and other Pleadings, which are in the custody of the Filacer, and are represented to be in a mutilated condition, for upwards of a century previous to the year 1778.

In the Secondary's Department there are Recognizances and Bonds to His Majesty, as well as Informations at His Suit by the Attorney General, and Proceedings thereon; Personal Interrogatories and Possessory Bills, and Answers thereto; Enrolments of Custodiams; Books of Process; Enrolments of Deeds of Exchange; and Grants of Glebe Lands; also Leases and Grants for Barracks,* &c.; and herein is the Black Book of the Exchequer, containing Forms of Writs, and Oaths of office.

The Register's Department comprises the Rules and Orders, as well as the Entries of Hearings. Among the latter, is a chasm so late as the year 1796, unaccounted for. Also, Enrolments of Decrees, Depositions of Witnesses, Submissions, Petitions, Reports and Affidavits; besides four Books of Orders of the Court of Claims, without Alphabets.—The Officer states, that "There are satisfactory Indexes, so far as have "come within his general observation, save as already stated; and that to complete the Matters deficient, it "would require the assistance of a Person conversant in the Court Hand;" and it does not appear that there is any person so qualified, belonging to this Department. It would however, he adds, be desirable "that the whole of the Records in this Office should be in some degree reviewed, same having been removed "to their present situation about the year 1786, and have not since been generally examined; and although "no inconvenience has been actually suffered, yet that it would be well to have a general examination."

3. *The Auditor General's Office.*—This Officer is, strictly speaking, not an Officer of Record, as he makes no Record, although he has many in his custody; he is virtually a Clerk to the Lord High Treasurer, and, as his representative in the Court of Receipt or Revenue Side of the Exchequer, performs various duties, in the discharge of which he becomes possessed of a variety of Instruments, Registers, and MS. Books and Papers, comprising the vast collection of important Public Muniments which the Return from this Office presents for consideration, consisting of some thousands of volumes of Books, and many tons weight of Rolls, Papers, and other Documents. Among the Books, perhaps those relating to the Grants of Land, &c. from the Crown, from the time of Henry VII. as also those containing the various Proceedings under the Act of Settlement, may deserve particular attention; to these may be added, the Books of Survey and Distribution on the Rebellion of 1641, as well as of Forfeitures in 1688. This Collection of Books also comprehends the national Public Accounts from the time of Charles II.; with the Civil and Military Establishments from the period of Queen Elizabeth to the present time.

Among the Rolls belonging to this Department, are those of Lands decreed and restored to Roman Catholics, called Innocents; also Rolls of Incumbrances affecting Papists, entered of record in this Office pursuant to an Act of Queen Anne. Besides these, there are a great variety of other Books and Papers, from a very early period to the present time. Some of these Records and Documents are stated to be lodged in the Castle, where they are said to be in good Preservation, with the exception of the Bindings of the Books, which are in many instances much injured; while the great bulk, as has been already observed, are deposited in the Dome of the Four Courts, in an unarranged state, and in danger of being destroyed by dust and damp, and the Officer adds, are supposed to contain many valuable Records, which, were they examined and arranged, would be of great public use.

It is stated in the Return, that "there are Alphabets to each Book, with a few exceptions; also General "Alphabets, but not complete, many necessary matters being omitted, and, from constant use, some of them "nearly defaced, destroyed, or torn;" and that "it would therefore be for the benefit of the Public that "these defects were remedied." The Auditor General also states, that he understands that Mr. Henry Harding, who has the immediate care of the old Records of this Office, has finished one General Alphabet, and has three more in hand, which he considers as his private property.

On the state of the Calendars and Indexes of the County Records, as well as those of the Diocesan Registries, I beg leave to decline any observations for the present, being precluded from entering into a thorough and satisfactory review of the matter arising from them, connected with this head, in consequence of the want of Returns, which are still expected to be made by the Officers of those Repositories. The same observation applies to many of the Officers connected with the Four Courts.

It may however be proper to observe to The Board, that those Records in the custody of the Clerks of the Peace, on which the Custos Rotulorum of the County of Galway* has made some very useful observations, will require an immediate and serious attention; which may at the same time be extended to the Diocesan Registries.

In the Library of the Dublin Society, there is a valuable collection of Manuscript Books, compiled principally by the late Walter Harris Esquire, including Archbishop King's Collectanea. They relate chiefly to the Civil and Ecclesiastical affairs of Ireland, commencing so early as the reign of Henry II.; and also contain

* The Earl of Clancarty.

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contain the Annals of Innisfallen, Multifernan, &c. and many other curious documents relating to Irish history. To these Volumes complete Calendars or Indexes are much wanted. The further consideration of this important Collection, will form an article under another head.

III. *Of Establishments, and Duties of Officers.*

UNTIL Returns are received from all the Record Repositories in Ireland, some general Observations on this head may be sufficient. These cannot be better stated, than by a Quotation from a Report of the Select Committee of the English House of Commons in 1800, expressive of their opinion on this part of the subject: they state, "It seems to your Committee, that where no person is specifically intrusted with the custody and "arrangement of the Records which belong to any Office of great Public concern, such an Officer should "be appointed." They likewise add, "Your Committee is also of opinion, that where there is an Officer "(but he has no Salary, and his whole Compensation is derived from Fees) he should be remunerated in "part by Salary, and in part by Fees to be regulated upon a moderate and fixed scale; so that he may "receive an Annual Equivalent for the present Average Amount of his Profits and Emoluments, and His "Majesty's Subjects may have access to the Records with less cost than at present."

Having thus concluded the three several heads of Observations, which it was my duty to attend to under the Order of the Board, I have now to request permission to extend my Observations to two other distinct heads, which engaged the attention of the Select Committee of the English House of Commons, when this important subject was under their consideration in the year 1800. These heads are, TRANSFERS, and SELECTIONS FOR PRINTING.

IV. *Of Transfers.*

THESE may be either partial or general: Of the former, it must, for the reasons already stated under the last head, be impossible at this early period of the Commission, to enter into a detailed discussion; while under the latter part of this division, I find the English Committee stating*, that no general Transfer of the Records of the several Repositories, from their present local situations, could be desirable, unless it were for the purpose of establishing a General Repository, either for those Public Papers and Records, which gradually cease to be in use for the current business of Public Offices, or for the Registration of private Conveyances; in either of which cases they add, that the General Register House for Scotland would be a model for imitation.

How far the exigencies described in those cases may exist in Ireland, is submitted to The Board; it is at the same time however respectfully suggested, that some such measure deserves Their early consideration, as perhaps the best means that may occur for the preservation and useful arrangement of the more ancient Records of Ireland, which the operation of the Act for the Abolition of Court Hand†, has improvidently converted into a dead letter.

V. *Of Selections for Printing.*

IT is undoubtedly under this head that the most effectual means are afforded for laying open to the Public a full knowledge of the Contents of the various Record Repositories in Ireland.

In England, they conceive it essential not only to print some of the principal Calendars and Indexes, but also such of the original Records, hitherto unpublished, as are most important in their nature and perfect in their kind. From the mutilated condition, and in many instances the total want, of Calendars and Indexes, even in our most ancient and extensive Repositories, it becomes quite unnecessary for the present to consider of any Selection from such imperfect materials.

Though I feel much diffidence, at this early period of the Commission, in hazarding opinions respecting Selections of the more ancient original Records, yet I can have no hesitation in soliciting the attention of the Board to the extensive field for such Selections, which presents itself in the learned Return made by the Vice Provost of TRINITY COLLEGE Dublin‡, wherein that gentleman has usefully extended the range prescribed by the Queries transmitted to him; for he has not only taken effectual care to make his Answers as distinct as possible, but he also states, "I have every where annexed the places where such "MSS. are to be found; and the more to facilitate the attainment of the objects of the Commissioners, and "to prevent unnecessary trouble and expense, I have specified (where it came to my knowledge) the instances "in which some of those MSS. had already been published, though I think those MSS. still should be "compared with the printed Copies."

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* Vide Report of Select Committee, 1800.

† Vide Irish Stat. 11 Geo. 2. chap. 6.

‡ The Rev. John Barrett, D.D. Vice Provost, and Librarian, of T. C. D.

The Return from the Librarian of the DUBLIN SOCIETY *, presents to the Board other materials from which to make Selections for Printing; and the Public Library at Armagh, may probably contain some valuable materials for the same purpose.

The Red Book of the Exchequer, preserved in the CHIEF REMEMBRANCER'S OFFICE, may also afford some curious matters for selection; it comprehends some ancient Statutes, Forms of Writs, &c. In the Black Book, in the same Court, are to be found Forms of Oaths of Office, which, with those returned by the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, may be considered deserving publication under this Commission; for I do not find, with the exception of some legal publications † (if they can be considered an exception) that any perfect or authorized copy has yet been published, of what the Select Committee terms, "recorded evidences "of the obligations imposed upon and undertaken by the Public Officers, who are sworn to discharge the "various functions connected with the administration of our Laws and Government."

While I wish to proceed with the utmost caution in suggesting observations on this important and ulterior object of the labours of the Commission, I feel less diffidence in mentioning the STATUTE LAW of Ireland as proper for publication, under the auspices and control of this Board.

The motives which led to the adoption of a similar measure in England, may be considered applicable to Ireland, and cannot be better expressed than by referring to the words of the Select Committee on that head ‡: "Many Statutes and Ordinances recorded in the Rolls of Parliament, and others which are extant upon the "Statute Rolls, are not inserted in the printed Statute Books, which are only compilations by private hands: "And your Committee think it highly expedient, for the honour of the nation, and the benefit of all His "Majesty's Subjects, that a complete and authoritative edition of all the Statutes should be printed: Much "assistance may be derived occasionally from a knowledge even of those which were enacted for temporary "purposes, and are since expired: And in the prosecution of such a work, it will be proper to consult the "most ancient and perfect Manuscript Copies preserved in the Exchequer, and in the several Public Libraries "of the Inns of Court, the Universities, and the British Museum."

The condition of the original Rolls of the Irish Parliament may form another cogent reason for extending this magnificent design to Ireland, as they are represented, by the Sub-Commissioners in 1806 §, to be in great confusion; "so that it is almost impossible to trace out or find any Act whatever; and when found, many of "them are rendered illegible, by the careless method in which they were originally transcribed, and the injury "suffered from the damp, and by unskilful management." And after recommending a place in which they could be collected and arranged, they add, "some such measure, however laborious, seems absolutely "requisite, in order to prevent the evidence of the Statute Law of this part of the United Kingdom, previous "to the Union, from being completely lost, or at least completely inaccessible."

Besides, it may be remarked, that in the several printed Editions of our Statutes, which were first collected and published by the Lord Deputy, Sir Henry Sidney, in the reign of Elizabeth, there is no memorial, preserved, of Parliaments holden for 120 years after the first printed Statute of Edward II.; although many Acts are referred to and given at length by Prynne and others. A memorable chasm likewise occurs in our Statute Books, from the Statutes of Kilkenny not being incorporated in them. And it is asserted, that besides what our Statute Rolls contain, there is a valuable collection of unedited Irish Statutes in Lambeth Library, and the Tower of London. And I beg leave to add Sir Richard Bolton's observation, in his Preface to an early edition of the Statutes of Ireland ‖, "That although the Statutes be out of use and determined at this day, yet "the same may well serve for an historical use, whereby the judicious reader may partly discern both the state "of the Church and Commonwealth in those times."

Although a Work of this nature must be more extensive than the present Edition of the Statutes, yet by means of a complete Index, and Chronological Tables, it may be rendered much more convenient and satisfactory, even for ordinary use; and if the execution should prove worthy the design, it must be hereafter resorted to, as an authentic and authoritative publication of the Statute Law of Ireland, previous to the Union, when the original materials from which it shall be compiled, are totally decayed, or perhaps mouldered into dust.

STATE PAPERS.—When the Departments connected with this Branch are somewhat methodized and arranged, they may form an object of future consideration for the Commissioners, in making a Selection of State Papers, after the manner of Rymer's Fœdera.

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* A distinguished Vice President of this Society has compiled a MS. Catalogue, known by the name of "General Vallancey's Green Book." It contains an Account of all the Books, Tracts, and Manuscripts in various languages, relating to the history of Ireland, which his extensive erudition and research had enabled him to discover. It is reported to be much more copious than Nicholson's Historical Library, and comes down to a much later period.

† Vide Howard's Rev. Ex. vol. 2. p. 47; and Robins's Abr. Stat. p. 425.

‡ Vide Report of Select Committee, Eng. House of Com. 1800. § Vide Proceedings of Eng. Rec. Com.

‖ Vide Bolton's Ed. Irish Stat. 1621.

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IN concluding this Report, I cannot avoid adverting to the means adopted by the Select Committee of the English House of Commons, for collecting the best information on the methods to be observed for making up and preserving Records, and rendering them more serviceable to the Public. In the Appendix to Their Report, the opinions of several Persons eminent for their skill and experience, are given, respecting the character or handwriting in different ages; the most durable ink, and the different modes of restoring its appearance when faded or nearly obliterated; the materials for forming Rolls, the circumstance of preference belonging to each, and the advantages or disadvantages attending the structure and distribution of the Buildings destined for their preservation: from whence much valuable information may be collected for the purposes of this Commission.

To these serious considerations, so deserving Your earliest attention and investigation, I am desirous of adding the necessity and value of perpetuating in Ireland a knowledge of the ancient characters and manner of handwriting in different ages, which has been nearly extinguished in the Country, by the operation of the Act of George II. already noticed; whereby, as Blackstone observes*, "the reading of any Record framed "previous to that Act, is now become the object of science, and calls for the help of an Antiquarian." It is certainly to this source that we may trace the paucity of black letter Clerks, or persons capable of reading the Records in the several Public Offices; and hence also, in my humble opinion, may be deduced a principal cause of the present state of degradation and disorder into which (it appears from most of the official Returns) the Public Records of Ireland have unhappily fallen.

I have the honour to be,

&c. &c. &c.

First Fruits Office,
1st February 1811.

William Shaw Mason,
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APPENDIX.

No. 1.—Forms of QUERIES for GENERAL REPOSITORIES; directed by the Commissioners on the Public Records of Ireland, and referred to in the foregoing Report.

(1.)—WHAT are the several sorts of Public Records, Rolls, Instruments, and Manuscript Books and Papers, in your custody, as Keeper of the said Records?—Distinguish the periods of time to which each sort relates, so far as you are able; and if there be any chasms or deficiencies in the series of such Records, &c. state the same, with the cause thereof, and the periods of time when the same happened.

(2.)—In what Building are said Records, &c. lodged, and what is its condition as to security and accommodation for the keeping thereof; and is such Building, public or private property?

(3.)—In what state of Preservation are the said Records, &c.; and are they severally arranged in any, and what order?

(4.)—Are there complete and correct General Catalogues, Calendars, Schedules or Repertories, and also particular Indexes, to each sort? Or in what respect are the said Catalogues, &c. and Indexes defective; and what degree of utility would result from the same being completed?—State the shortest time within which such as would be useful might be completed by the ordinary diligence of the Persons usually employed in the said Office, and specify such extraordinary assistance (if any) as would be necessary for completing them, and the time within which the same might be so completed; and in case any such Catalogues, &c. or Indexes as are wanting in your Office, are known to exist elsewhere, specify the place where, or the person in whose hands they are, and whether they are public or private property.

(5.)—What Officers or Clerks are employed for the custody and arrangement of said Records, &c. in your Office?—Specify their general duties so far as they regard the custody and arrangement of said Records, &c. and the days and hours of their attendance for that purpose; together with an account of their net annual Salaries, Allowances and Emoluments (if any) paid to them by the Public, in respect of such custody, &c. and a Table of the several Fees demandable for each Search, Certificate or Copy of any of said Records, &c. or attendance therewith; together with an account of the net annual amount thereof, upon the average of the last three years for which the same can be made up.

(6.)—Is there any Person specially intrusted with the care of said Records, &c. whose duty it is to attend upon every Search, and to take care that every Record, &c. be duly and fairly restored to its proper place; and what is the name of his office? Or is there any other, and what, regulation observed, for effecting these purposes?

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* Blackstone's Com. vol. 3. p. 323.

(7.)—What number of Searches, Certificates and Copies, respecting the said Records, &c. have been made in your Office during the last three years, whereof any Account has been kept?—Specify the particular years, and the number of such Searches, Certificates, and Copies respectively in each year, so far as you are able.

(8.)—Has any, and what alteration, taken place in the Contents, Arrangement, or Condition of your Office, or in any other material circumstance, respecting said Records, &c. since the last Parliamentary inquiry relating thereto?

(9.)—Are there any Matters, not comprised in the preceding Questions, which it is necessary or expedient to observe, for rendering the use of the said Records, &c. more convenient to the Public; and what are those Matters?

No. 2.—Forms of QUERIES for OFFICES OF STATE; directed by the Commissioners on the Public Records of Ireland, and referred to in the foregoing Report.

(1.)—ARE there in your Office any original Records, Rolls, Instruments, Registers, or Manuscript Books and Papers, containing any Acts or Proceedings, by Royal, Parliamentary, Judicial, or other Public Authority? Distinguish the several sorts, and periods of time to which each each sort relates, so far as you are able; and if there be any Chasms or Deficiencies in the series of such Records, &c. state the same, with the causes thereof, and the periods of time when the same happened.

(2.)—In what Building are said Records, &c. lodged, and what is its condition as to security and accommodation for the keeping thereof; and is such Building, public or private property?

(3.)—In what state of Preservation are the said Records, &c.; and are they severally arranged in any, and what order?

(4.)—Are there complete and correct General Catalogues, Calendars, Schedules or Repertories, and also particular Indexes, to each sort? Or in what respect are the said Catalogues, &c. and Indexes defective; and what degree of utility would result from the same being completed?—State the shortest time within which such as would be useful might be completed by the ordinary diligence of the Persons usually employed in the said Office, and specify such extraordinary assistance (if any) as would be necessary for completing them, and the time within which the same might be so completed; and in case any such Catalogues, &c. or Indexes as are wanting in your Office, or any Manuscript Copies thereof, are known to exist elsewhere, specify the place where, or the Person in whose hands they are, and whether they are public or private property.

(5.)—Is there any Person specially intrusted with the care of the said Records, &c. whose duty it is to attend upon every Search, and to take care that every Record, &c. be duly and fairly restored to its proper place; and what is the name of his Office? Or is there any other, and what, regulation observed, for effecting these purposes?

(6.)—Are there any Matters, not comprised in the preceding Questions, which it is necessary or expedient to observe, for rendering the use of the said Records, &c. more convenient to the Public; and what are those Matters?

No. 3.—Forms of QUERIES for COURTS of JUSTICE, directed by the Commissioners on the Public Records of Ireland—are the same as the Queries for GENERAL REPOSITORIES, with the omission of the 7th and 8th QUERIES of that Set, and are applicable to the COURTS OF CHANCERY—KING'S BENCH—COMMON PLEAS—EXCHEQUER: of Receipt; of Account, or Revenue Side or Equity Side; of Pleas, or Law Side—EXCHEQUER CHAMBER—CIRCUITS: Judges Registers, Crown Clerks, Crown Solicitors—CITY, TOWN, MANOR, and other Courts of inferior Jurisdiction—MARITIME COURTS—ECCLESIASTICAL COURTS.

No. 4.—Forms of QUERIES for DIOCESAN REGISTRIES, directed by the Commissioners on the Public Records of Ireland—are the same as those for COURTS OF JUSTICE, with the following Additional Quere:

WHAT is the number of Parishes, of every description or denomination, within the said Diocese of ? How many, and which of these Parishes, are united episcopally, or otherwise? How are their Members distinguished, and by what names are they so united? Have Registers been regularly and duly kept, of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, in all or any of the said Parishes or Unions, according to the Canons of 1634; and how long do they appear to have been so kept? Have attested Copies of such Registers been annually transmitted to the Diocesan, his Chancellor, or other Officer of the Diocese, according to the said Canons; and to what period do the same commence? When received, how do they appear to have been preserved in the Registry of the Diocese? And if the series of Parochial Registries, or the said Transmissions, be defective, state the instances and causes of such defect, to the best of your information.

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No. 5.—Forms of QUERIES for CATHEDRALS, UNIVERSITIES, COLLEGES, INNS OF COURTS, and PUBLIC LIBRARIES; directed by the Commissioners on the Public Records of Ireland, and referred to in the foregoing Report.

(1.)—ARE there, in the of any original Records, Rolls, Instruments, Registers, or Manuscript Books and Papers, containing any Acts or Proceedings, by Royal, Parliamentary, Judicial, or other Public Authority?—Distinguish the several sorts of Records, &c. and the periods of time to which each sort relates, so far as you are able; and specify also, whether there are in your custody, any authentic Manuscript Copies of any such original Manuscript Records, Rolls, &c. preserved there, or in any other public Repository.

(2.)—In what Building are said Records, &c. lodged, and what is its condition as to security and accommodation for the keeping thereof; and is such Building public or private property?

(3.)—In what state of Preservation are the said Records, &c.; and are they severally arranged in any, and what order?

(4.)—Are there complete and correct General Catalogues, Calendars, Schedules or Repertories, and also particular Indexes, to each sort? Or in what respect are the said Catalogues, &c. and Indexes defective; and what degree of utility would result from the same being completed?—And in case any such Catalogues, &c. or Indexes, as are wanting in your or any Manuscript Copies thereof, are known to exist elsewherere, specify the place where, or the person in whose hands they are, and whether they are public or private property.

(5.)—Are there any Matters, not comprised in the preceding Questions, which it is necessary or expedient to observe, for rendering the use of the said Records, &c. more convenient to the Public; and what are those Matters?

VI.

The SECRETARY'S Second GENERAL REPORT:

With Two Appendixes; (1.) Tabular Digest of Returns: (2.) Returns made to the Irish House of Commons, in the Years 1723, and 1791.

To His Majesty's Commissioners on the Public Records of Ireland.

The SECOND GENERAL REPORT, made pursuant to their Orders of the 18th of February, and 31st of July, 1811.

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PURSUANT to said Orders, directing the Secretary, on the whole of the Returns being received from the several Officers or Keepers of Record Repositories, to make a further Report to the Board, arranged under the respective heads of, BUILDINGS, CATALOGUES, &c. DUTIES, &c. of OFFICERS, TRANSFERS, &c. and SELECTIONS for Printing, I have the honour of submitting to the consideration of The Board, the following REPORT under those heads; first premising, that the continued, yet slow transmission to this Office of the remainder of the Returns to the Queries ordered by The Board on the 11th of September 1810, has unavoidably delayed this Report to a much longer period than could have been reasonably expected, when I had the honour of presenting to The Board my First Report; and that, pending those delays, specific Reports have been made under distinct Orders of the Board, on some of the heads originally assigned for my Observations.

I. *Buildings.*

HAVING fully entered into the subject of Buildings, and nearly exhausted that part of it belonging to the Law Offices connected with the Courts of Justice, I find myself so far circumscribed in any further observations to be made on this subject; and my going into it minutely here will be the more readily dispensed with, as The Board were pleased to direct the Architect to the Board of Works to inquire into and make a Special Report on the state of these Buildings; which he has accordingly made, accompanied with Plans of the Ground and Estimates of the Expenses; whereupon They were pleased to appoint a Committee of the principal Officers of the Four Courts, who were directed to inspect the several Public Offices, and report what additions and alterations should be made therein, for the more convenient use and better preservation of the Records.

Previously

Previously to the Report of these Gentlemen, it will not, I trust, be deemed irrelevant for me to impress upon the attention of The Board, Lord Chancellor Redesdale's recommendation to secure the Buildings on the King's Inns Quay from inundation, and the constant oozing of the banks of the river, to which it is liable. This recommendation appears now more peculiarly to demand attention, as an opportunity seems to present itself, in the construction of the new Quay Wall now erecting along the banks of the river, by the Ballast Board, which, if formed in the bed of the river, some few yards beyond the present old wall in the front of the Four Courts, with the interval between both walls filled up with yellow clay, or any proper substance impervious to the water, might be the means of effecting the security of the Four Courts, as suggested by his Lordship: a measure that seems still more necessary, from the settlements in the walls, and other internal appearances of the Building.

Under this head, and previously to closing the subject of Courts of Justice, it may not be improper to draw the attention of the Board to the Tenure under which the Site of the Four Courts and Law Offices has been, and is at present held; and for that purpose, I must again beg leave to refer to Lord Redesdale's Letter; in which, after observing that the Four Courts and adjoining Buildings had been erected on ground belonging to the Society of King's Inns, on which the Buildings anciently used by that Society had stood, his Lordship adds, "It seems to me that the Site of the Four Courts and Repository of Records ought to be formally "vested in the Crown, discharged from all claims of the Society of King's Inns, who ought, I think, to receive "a compensation, and to be relieved from a burthen which they have imposed on themselves to accommodate "the Public, by taking other ground for the site of their Hall, Library and Chambers, at a very high "rent, and paying Tipstaves to attend the several Courts, with which they have nothing to do, except as "owners of the soil on which those Courts stand." It seems quite unnecessary to make any comment on this quotation, either with reference to the manifest injury experienced by the King's Inns Society, or the precarious security which the Public have in extensive Buildings on which large sums of money have been expended, as the whole matter seems placed in such a striking point of view by his Lordship, that, added to the authority of such an opinion, it may possibly induce The Board to recommend to the consideration of Parliament, some measure for the relief of the King's Inns Society, as well as the security of the Public in the property of the Courts of Justice and Law Offices adjoining thereto.

The Government having, since the date of the First General Report, provided for the arrangement and security of several Record Repositories of a general nature, by ordering the Round Tower, adjoining the new Chapel in the Lower Castle Yard, to be fitted up as a Record Repository for the Parliamentary Records, the State Papers, the Books and Maps of the Surveyor General's Office, and other Records of this description, the attention of The Board may here perhaps not improperly be directed to another species of public Documents, which, though not strictly within the description of legal Records, are nevertheless of a nature affecting the public interests, as well as the rights and properties of individuals, and therefore deserving of being placed, for their better preservation, in public Buildings secured against the hazards of fire and damp. Within this description, it is intended to comprise the Documents, Instruments and Records, of Public Boards. And in adverting to the foregoing, I beg leave to remark, that a consideration of this nature seems to have led to the design of the Building of Somerset Place, London, where all the Public Offices of the description alluded to, and connected with each other, have been collected and permanently fixed. In Dublin, several of such Offices are provided for in distinct Public Buildings; but still the insecure state of many of them, and the contiguity to private Buildings of all, appears to justify these Observations.

The several Record Repositories in the interior part of Ireland require the most serious and early attention of The Board, as the Offices and Registries of this description are but in few instances public property, the greater part of them being kept in private Dwelling-houses, exposed to all the inconveniencies attendant on the death or removal of Officers, as well as to the added dangers of fire and embezzlement. And from these circumstances, or some such, the Records appear to have suffered much injury; as few instances are to be found, in the Returns from the Peace Clerks or Crown Clerks, of the existence of Records in their custody, beyond the short period of half a century.

To these mischiefs, the Diocesan Registries likewise appear to have been in a great measure exposed, and from the same cause, by reason of the Contents of such Repositories not having been preserved in Public Buildings.

It is however satisfactory to observe, that these evils, so fatal to the past and alarming to the future preservation of the Records, are capable of being completely prevented from continuing, by the interposition of the Legislature. To this end, the Grand Juries of Counties should be enabled and directed to present the Expenses of providing suitable Offices and Record Rooms for the Peace and Crown Clerks, as well as the County Treasurer, Grand Jury Secretary or Clerks, and other Officers, so as to form complete Public Repositories for the Public Records of each County. And as, in general, the precincts, and in some instances the interior of the several Cathedral Churches throughout Ireland, afford sufficient spaces for erecting a Record Room or Registry, with a proper Office for the Register, it would be advisable to recommend, that a similar provision should also be made by Parliament for defraying the Expense of such Buildings, and enabling the Churchwardens of

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the several Parishes comprised within each Diocese, to assess and levy on the Parishioners the amount of such Sums as would be necessary for the formation of such Diocesan Registries.

In the 40 Counties and Counties of Cities throughout Ireland, there are 27 of the Peace Clerks' Offices kept in private Buildings; of the Crown Clerks, 18; and of the 22 Arch-Diocese and Dioceses, there are 19 kept in private Buildings; as appears by the TABULAR DIGEST of the several Returns received from Officers and Keepers of Record Repositories, and comprised in the 2d Appendix to this Report.

page 416, *infra.*

And lastly, on this head it is to be remarked, that as the decay and destruction of Records, Books and Papers, arise mostly from the dangers of damp and fire, and that while every precaution is taken, by removing the Records into Public Repositories, to secure them from the hazard of the latter, a similar precaution should be adopted for preserving them from the effects of the former, by a proper attention to the construction of the walls of the Buildings, and by providing for the expense of Fuel for keeping the Rooms aired during damp weather.

II. *Calendars and Indexes.*

THE advantage of having complete Calendars and Indexes to Public Records seems in itself so obvious, that it becomes matter of some surprise to observe, in reviewing the annexed Returns, how frequently the Officers appear to undervalue their importance: while some barely and coldly recommend them as useful, others consider the want of them as of little or no inconvenience; and some others, which is still more to be regretted, seem totally unapprised of their use or value. It is to be hoped, however, that the attention of The Board to this subject, through the agency of the Committee of Sub-Commissioners on Indexes, &c. whose Report has been dispersed among Officers of Record Repositories, will in a short time have effectually corrected the mistakes, whether of opinion or practice, which ignorance, prejudice, or bad habits, may have occasioned in this respect.

In order to lay before The Board briefly, yet in detail, the Substance of the several Returns, not only on this head of Calendars and Indexes, but also on every other head to which those Returns relate, the Tabular Digest, which forms the 2d Appendix to this Report, has been framed; and to which I beg leave to refer.

On viewing the many and great Chasms in the Public Records of Ireland, it must be regretted that some means of control over the Officers or Keepers of Record Repositories had not been early adopted by the Legislature; and I gladly avail myself of the opportunity which the consideration of this head affords, of noticing the Plan of a general Inventory and classified Schedule, &c. which has been adopted by the Board, under their Order of the 3d day of August 1811, for the purpose of obtaining more detailed Accounts than the original Returns supplied, of the Contents of the several Record Repositories; and forming on them a system of control over the respective Officers or Keepers of such Repositories, with regard to the custody, preservation and future arrangement, of the Records committed to their care.

A striking similarity prevails between the tenor and object of this Order, and the excellent Plan sketched out in the Return made by the Custos Rotulorum of the County of Galway, with the view of compelling the Clerks of the Peace and Deputy Keepers of County Records to give security to the amount specified by Act of Parliament, as well for the due performance of their several official duties, as specifically for that of preserving the Public Records intrusted to their charge. For these purposes, his Lordship suggests, "That "they should be obliged, with all convenient speed, to make out general classified Schedules of all the Rolls, "Records, Books and other Papers, severally intrusted to their care; that a Copy of these Schedules should "be respectively certified by them into some Public Office or Court of Record in Dublin; and that they "should annually before the last day of March, or some earlier period in each year, be obliged to make out "similar Schedules of all the Records which had come to their hands during the preceding year, and transmit "a certified Copy thereof to the Officer aforesaid, there to be preserved."

Instead of confining the Plan of Inventories to Peace Clerks only, for the regulation of whose Office these observations of the Custos Rotulorum of Galway were intended, The Board has extended the design to every Record Repository connected with Courts of Justice in Ireland. Had such a system been earlier adopted, many Records, which appear by the annexed Returns to have been dispersed or lost through neglect or embezzlement, would no doubt have been preserved at this day; as, upon the death, resignation or dismissal of any of these Officers, the means would have existed of checking the due delivery of the Records, &c. to his Successor; and if between the Records actually delivered over and the Schedules there should be any variance, immediate recourse might have been had to the Securities, and an example thus afforded, which would operate to prevent future carelessness or misconduct.

To effect an object of such evident expediency, I should also propose a periodical Inspection of the Records in the custody of the Peace and Crown Clerks, and Diocesan Registries (suppose by the going Judges of Assize;) and in or about Dublin by some similar system of control; at which Visitation, the condition of the Records,

Records, state of Indexes, and the correctness of the Catalogue, might be accurately inspected, and such Catalogue, when duly signed and attested, delivered formally to the Visitors.

Convinced that the most beneficial result would arise from a circumspect and well-digested measure of the nature proposed, I have merely ventured to throw out these few general Observations for the consideration of The Board, under the head of Calendars and Indexes, intending to resume the subject in another part of this Report.

III. *Duties and Remuneration of Officers, &c.*

IN the First Report, I endeavoured, under this head, to draw the attention of The Board to the consideration of the general principle suggested by the Committee of the English House of Commons in 1800, with respect to the mode of compensating Officers or Keepers of Record Repositories, in the view of remunerating the Officer, and at the same time of rendering the Records more accessible to the Public. A ready access to Public Records must undoubtedly be viewed as a matter of the highest importance; and, in proportion to its importance, it must be regretted that such ready access is not at present afforded in many of our Record Repositories; where the system adopted by the Officer, often through an erroneous opinion of advancing his own interest, is at direct variance with his duty of affording information to the Public; in place of which, there ought invariably to exist, between the Officer and the Public, a reciprocity of interest, arising from the information to be afforded by the one, in lieu of the remuneration which is paid him by the other for the faithful discharge of his duties. Remuneration must be composed of Salary or Fees, or both. Salary to an Officer, without Fees, must tend to diminish his zeal, with regard to the arrangement and preservation of the Records committed to his care, and to generate neglect of duty; while remuneration by Fees alone, in some cases leaves the Officer dependent on a very precarious source of emolument for his support, which will also in some cases induce him to neglect his duty, or in others (where Searches are indispensable) will hold out to him an inducement to exact exorbitantly from the Public: consequently, a mixed remuneration, arising from both Salary and Fees, under prudent regulations, as laid down by the Select Committee in 1800, seems the most eligible mode of remunerating Officers and Keepers of Public Records.

These positions can be strongly elucidated by their immediate consideration, with reference to the several Record Repositories in Ireland. Here, the possession of many Offices connected with Records has too frequently been regarded as an object of mere personal profit; the Salary and chief Emoluments having been generally retained by the Principals, who seem to consider themselves as pensioners for life, without any obligation of public duty. The executive duties of such Officers consequently devolve on Deputies, who, in their turn, transfer their powers to Clerks employed under them. The Salaries of such Officers being thus appropriated by the Principals, the Emoluments of the Deputies and Clerks are consequently derived from Fees, the amount of which has not been seriously settled since the year 1733, and is now generally regulated by the caprice of the Officer, to whom the disordered state of the Records, and the want of satisfactory references, become a source of unjust and precarious profit; the Public thus suffering doubly, first by the difficulty of obtaining information at any expense, and secondly, by being obliged to pay for the additional trouble occasioned to the Officer from the confusion of the Records, which it is his duty to arrange, and thus his apparent interest to neglect.

The foregoing is a case in which the Principal retains the Salary, and leaves the acting Officer to support himself by Fees: in such case, the Principal, who has no payment but Salary, neglects his duty; and the Deputy or Clerk exacts from the Public, in order to obtain a livelihood. But there are other cases, where, under every exertion and ingenuity, the amount of the Fees is insufficient to afford a suitable provision for the acting Officers; in which cases, the consequence becomes still more injurious to the Public; as the Officer, being left without any remuneration for his services, neglects the duties of his department. Thus the Public suffer on the one hand by exaction, and on the other by neglect of duty; so that it becomes a question of serious consideration, whether the continuance of Sinecure Offices, so far as regards the custody of Public Records, ought to be permitted. And it is hoped, that from the foregoing observations, it is not hazarding too much to recommend, that every Officer or Keeper of a Record Repository, actually discharging the duties of his office, should derive a large proportion of his Income from Salary, and the remainder from Fees, reduced as low as may be consistent with the prevention of idle and vexatious Searches. But it cannot at the same time be too strongly remarked, that as the incentives to assist the Public will be diminished in the proportion of Fees being decreased, and Salary given to the Officer under any regulations like those suggested, a necessity will exist for a system of strict control being adopted over the Officer, to ensure the faithful discharge of his duties, with respect to the arrangement and preservation of the Records committed to his care.

Some of the statements and suggestions contained in the foregoing paragraphs may be further elucidated by referring to the Returns of the Keepers of the Records of Birmingham Tower, and the Clerk of the Paper Office. In these instances, the Principals are paid Salaries of 500*l.* per annum each; out of which, they allow their Deputies or Clerks, in one instance 12 Guineas, and in the other 10 Guineas per annum. In consequence

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consequence of this, the Tower (from the Deputy Keeper of which a constant attendance cannot be expected for so small a Salary) is mostly locked up, and access obtained under the heavy charge of Two Guineas for each Search.

The duties of the Clerk of the Papers has long since ceased, or been merged in that of one of the Clerks in the Civil Department of the Chief Secretary's Office, whose principal Emolument seems to arise from compensation for certain Apartments belonging to the Office, which have been long since given up. In like manner, the Keeper of the Parliamentary Records receives 1,000 *l.* per annum, the Surveyor General 600 *l.*, and their Deputies are without Salaries, and dependent on the uncertain produce of Fees. The Register of Deeds, &c. also takes the whole Salary allowed by the Public; also, the Clerk of the Council, and most of the Officers of the Courts of Justice; with this difference, that where the Salary is of small amount, as is the case with the principal Officers of each Court, a considerable portion of the Fees is intercepted by the Principal, instead of belonging, as his proper remuneration, to the acting Officer, for the discharge of his duty to the Public.

Another consequence, of a most injurious tendency, arising from the misapplication or deficiency of the Funds appropriated to the support of Officers of Public Repositories, may be observed in the careless manner in which most of the Public Records are now made up for preservation; the Handwriting, in general, being very imperfect, and executed in the most slovenly manner; the Parchment or Paper of inferior quality; no regard paid to the durability of the Ink; and the Books of Reference, in many Offices, permitted to fall to pieces for want of binding: hence, considerable difficulty occurs in reading some important Rolls and public Documents of recent formation, which the progress of time must considerably increase. It may therefore, perhaps, be worthy the consideration of The Board, whether it is not quite unsafe and dangerous to leave it entirely to the direction of sinecure Principals, or oscitant Deputies, to engage any Person whom chance may throw in their way, and their own views to a rigidly interested economy may lead them to consider as fit Persons to be employed in the formation of Public Records.

The Report made to Your Board on the Registry for Deeds, &c. affords considerable information on these points, with regard to the Records of that Repository. And much personal observation in the Offices connected with Courts of Justice, warrants me in stating, that in the course of any investigation which The Board may be pleased to set on foot, a considerable degree of negligence and misconduct will be found to exist in Public Repositories, with regard to the Records; that, in many Departments, the Officer has not only executed his work in a slovenly manner, but in some instances the formation of the Record has been neglected, the Officer contenting himself with receiving the Fees for which these duties are supposed to have been executed. And I must also observe, that from many of these remarks the Peace and Crown Clerks' Offices, or Diocesan Registries, cannot be regarded as exceptions; at least such of them as I have had an opportunity of inspecting.

Connected with this head, I beg leave to notice the impropriety of permitting Officers of Courts of Justice, especially those connected with the preservation of the Public Records, to practise as Attornies in the Courts of which they are Officers. Although it appears that this great evil has extended through almost every department connected with the Records, yet it is here observed, not in the view of considering its effects upon the sources of a correct and pure administration of Justice, but merely as it tends to abstract the attention of public Officers, from those duties more immediately connected with the preservation of the Records committed to their custody. This practice, in the case of Sub-Sheriffs, has already been marked by the disapprobation of the Legislature; and from thence an excellent precedent might be formed, as applicable not only to Officers or Keepers of all Record Repositories of a public nature, but also to all Deputies or Clerks employed in Offices connected with the Courts of Justice. Although this practice may be said to exist chiefly among the inferior Officers in the Courts in Dublin, yet the Circuits of Ireland present the anomaly of a Clerk of the Crown having the custody of Public Records connected with the Criminal Jurisprudence of the country, being also the Crown Solicitor on the same Circuit; and in other instances, Persons acting as Prosecutors for a Public Board, in the same Court in which they are engaged in discharging the duties of Crown Clerks.

For the purpose of reforming all these abuses, a system of active and vigorous control appears to be absolutely necessary. This measure seems to have been at all times desirable, and now more than ever necessary for the purity and preservation of the Records in existence, and the regulation of those that shall be hereafter formed. To this end, the labour of a permanent Committee would be requisite, acting under the eye of The Board, and armed with Their authority; as well to inquire into and report periodically upon the several Repositories of Public Records, under distinct heads of observation, as also to inspect and report upon the Proceedings of the several sets of Sub-Commissioners now engaged under The Board. The duties of a Committee so appointed, would doubtless also lead them to every general inquiry and investigation connected with the formation and preservation of the Records.

IV. *Transfers.*

HAVING in the First General Report considered this subject under two distinct heads, viz. General and Partial Transfers; following this division, I may observe with regard to the former head, that the Contents of several of the principal Public Repositories, whose Records are of a general nature, have already received a permanent and secure designation, by Government having ordered the Round Tower in the Lower Castle Yard to be fitted up as a Public Repository for their reception. By this well timed regulation, the most complete security against both fire and damp will be afforded to the contents of such Record Repositories, when transferred to the Tower; and the attention of the Committee of Law Officers will be less abstracted from the business of arrangement and security of the several Public documents connected with the Courts of Justice, and now dispersed in private Buildings, exposed to all the hazards of fire and embezzlement.

Under the second division of this head, viz. Partial Transfers, the attention of The Board may with much propriety be drawn to that part of the Additional Return from the Rolls Office, which states that there are many Chasms to be found among the Patent Rolls in that Repository; these, it appears, can be nearly filled up by Rolls of the same kind, now lying in Birmingham Tower, which, according to Mr. Lodge (formerly Deputy Keeper of both Repositories) were left there by mistake, and ought to be restored to the Rolls.

The Sub-Commissioners who make this Additional Return, state, "that these Rolls are about fifty in "number, and would very nearly complete the series in the Rolls Office;" and they observe, that "the "inconvenience and irregularity of having them separate, are too obvious to need any further remark; and that "if removed to the Rolls, they would be much more accessible to the Public, than they are at present."

Another Transfer of the same nature ought to be made of the large lot of Equity Pleadings, evidently connected with the Court of Chancery, and now lying in the Dome of the Four Courts, among the large collection of Records and Documents belonging to the Auditor General's Department.

This lot, which has been lately brought to notice by the Sub-Commissioners employed in the Dome, under the authority of the Board, ought, when selected from the other documents with which they appear to have been mixed, to be also transferred to the Record Room of the Rolls, for the purpose of being restored to their proper place among the Pleadings now undergoing arrangement there; those found in the Dome appearing from an examination of dates and other circumstances, to form the commencement of the whole series of Chancery Pleadings.

Those Volumes of Lords and Commons Journals which have been restored to the Public by the liberality of individuals into whose hands they had fallen, as well as the several Calendars and Books of Reference, evidently belonging to different Repositories from those into which they have accidentally come, should also be transferred to the respective Offices to which they belong. And as the consideration of this head of Transfers will frequently engage the attention of The Board, or any Committee They may be pleased to appoint, I have added as an Appendix to this Report, for the sake of comparative observation with the Returns recently received by The Board under their Order of September 1811, Copies of the several Returns that were made to the Irish House of Commons in the years 1723 and 1791.

V. *Printing.*

THE progress which has been made under the Commission in the several Record Repositories to which I took the liberty of drawing the notice of The Board in the last General Report, and the opportunities which were thereby afforded of examining into and considering the Contents of the several Repositories undergoing arrangement, enable me now to make some further Observations on one of the several divisions under which this head seems capable of being classed; and, after the best and most deliberate consideration of the subject, I feel myself warranted in recommending to the attention of The Board, the printing of the Calendars and Repertories in the several Repositories hereinafter specified.

1st. IN BIRMINGHAM TOWER.—The unfinished Calendar to the Plea Rolls in this Repository, commencing the 36th of Henry III. should be forthwith completed, and prepared for printing. These Rolls form nearly a consecutive series, down to the 43d of Elizabeth, and contain the Judicial Proceedings of the Courts of Justice which were established in Ireland soon after the arrival of Henry II.—A less copious reference should also be formed to the Pipe Rolls in this Repository, in number 172, and preserved in a regular series, with one or two exceptions, from the 46th of Henry III. to the 11th of Geo. II. These last-mentioned Rolls have not unfrequently been consulted as curious historical documents, and are referred to by Sir John Davys, Attorney General of Ireland in 1610, and by other writers.

2d. IN THE ROLLS OFFICE.—The Repertory formed by the late Mr. Lodge to the Patent, Close, and Mixed Rolls, after transferring those Patent Rolls from Birmingham Tower, which do not properly belong to that Repository, as has been already suggested, should be collated with the original Rolls, and forthwith prepared for the Press.

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The nature of these Rolls is well described in the Additional Return from the Rolls Office; nor can their value be too highly appreciated, as they will be found to contain the most authentic documents relating to the history, government, and property, of this part of the United Empire.

In like manner, the Inquisitions post Mortem, and of Attainder, deposited in this Office, may be regarded as Public documents of considerable importance in the elucidation of the rights of property, and pedigrees of families. On account of their importance, I beg leave also to recommend that the copious Repertory now forming to those valuable Records, should be prepared for the Press. They commence with the reign of Elizabeth, and end shortly after the Restoration, except those of Attainder, which extend to the reign of William III. Among this lot of Records, are the celebrated Strafford Inquisitions, finding the Province of Connaught, with the exception of the County of Leitrim, in the Crown.

3d. In the Chief Remembrancer's Office.—A complete Repertory should be formed to the Memoranda Rolls, which are coeval with the Rolls before-mentioned in the Rolls Office and Tower; and contain, besides the Proceedings of the Court of Exchequer, Grants of Lands and Offices, Acts of the Legislature, together with other Entries highly interesting and curious. This Repertory would also form a fit subject for printing. As would also the Repertory now forming to the Inquisitions in this Office, which, though not so numerous as those in the Rolls, are no less valuable, as they include those taken on the Suppression of Monasteries, which afford some of the best evidence in cases concerning the rights and property of the Church.

In this short view of the Materials which the three foregoing Repositories afford for printing, the consideration of the subject of Repertories to the ancient Records may be said to be nearly exhausted; as the few ancient Rolls in the Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer's and the Auditor General's Offices, and the comparatively modern Rolls, of Judgments, &c. in the Offices of the three Law Courts, cannot be considered, either with regard to their antiquity or subject-matter, to come within the scope of those observations which have on this subject been respectfully submitted to the attention of The Board.

With respect to Selections of original Records and Papers for printing, being the second part of this head, the Report of the Select Committee of the English House of Commons has afforded many useful lights. Following this guide, several original Documents, of the highest interest and importance, may be selected from among the various materials which the Returns from the several Public Record Repositories, and the progress made in some of them under the Commission, have brought into notice.

Amongst these, in addition to the publication of unedited and printed Statutes, recommended in the First General Report, the following classes of Public Documents seem also fit for publication under the authority of the Commission; namely, Civil and Ecclesiastical Surveys, Judicial Proceedings and Regulations, Parliamentary Proceedings, and State Papers.

Of Civil Surveys, one of the most important ever attempted by an individual, is that made by Doctor William Petty, known by the name of "The Down Survey." The injuries to which it has been unhappily exposed, have already been noticed, and may afford the best reason for guarding the Public from any further loss of the same kind, by an engraved publication of the Original, under able and scientific hands; towards obtaining which, the first step of course would be to have Fac Similes made of the whole, for the engraver to work from, and which, even if no Engravings should be afterwards taken, would be in themselves a very important acquisition, in the view of preserving the Originals from the constant injury to which they are subject from daily reference, in cases where the Fac Similes may be as usefully resorted to.

Here permit me to add, that the "Books of Distribution and Civil Surveys," deposited in the Auditor General's Office, being illustrative of this great national Record, may be also considered as fit for publication. And it may not be improper to suggest, that the original Quit Rent Roll in the same Office, the Certificate and Decrees of the Court of Claims in the Rolls, together with the Connaught Certificates, as they are termed, or copious Abstracts from them, as also every other Public Document growing out of the Acts of Settlement and Explanation, as these Acts form the basis on which the present order of property rests in this part of the Empire, should in like manner be printed under the authority of the Commission. Similar considerations may, in the progress of the Commission, lead to the publication of the Books of Postings and Sales of the Forfeited Estates of 1688, and the Book of Claims in the Forfeiture Office: these Books contain all the Proceedings on the Sales, and have been frequently resorted to as evidence on trials in the Courts of Justice.

Of "Ecclesiastical Surveys," the earliest has been lately discovered in the English Exchequer, by the Sub-Commissioner employed under the Commission for England and Scotland. The following conclusion ascertains its nature, extent, and date:

"Hos Rotulos simul cum aliis Rotulis de Taxatione bonorum Beneficiorum totius Hiberniæ, recepit hic ad "Scaccarium Walterus Exon' Episcopus tunc Thesaurarius, primo die Octobris anno Regni Regis Edwardi "filii Regis Edwardi XVImo in quadam Baga Sigillo Scaccarii Dubliñ consignata, per manus Willielmi de "Lughteburgh Nuncii Domini Regis eandem Bagam sub sigillo predicto deferentis, et eam dicto Thesaurario "ex parte Thesaurarii & Baronum dicti Scaccarii Dubliñ liberantis."

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The discovery of this curious Record, while it evinces the careful research and industry of the Individuals employed under the English Board, may be regarded as of the highest importance to the history and antiquities of this Country. Surveys of a similar nature, but of a much more recent period, are to be found in the Chief Remembrancer's and First Fruits Offices, commencing with the 28th year of Henry VIII. In the first of these Offices, the Inquisitions of Valuation are to be found, from which the Valor Beneficiorum in the latter has been framed. This Valor, more commonly called "The King's Books," should undergo an accurate revision with the original Inquisitions, as considerable Variations exist between them. And as this Public document is not only the rule for ascertaining the Tax of First Fruits paid by Incumbents of Livings on their respective promotions spiritual, but also the criterion whereby the Statutes of Trinity College are interpreted, in cases where the possession of Benefices are deemed by Law incompatible with the enjoyment of their Fellowships, I beg leave for these reasons to recommend the publication of this Document, or the Inquisitions on which it is grounded.

In like manner, and as throwing some light on the rights and property of the Church, the Inquisitions taken on the suppression of Monasteries may be considered proper for publication; as also, some ancient Rolls concerning Church Lands and possessions of Religious Houses, lately found among the Auditor General's Records in the Dome of the Four Courts.

The publication of Judicial Proceedings of the earliest periods in Ireland had been anticipated, when the Plea Rolls in the Tower, the Patent Rolls in the Rolls Office, and the Memoranda Rolls in the Chief Remembrancer's Office, were respectively introduced to the consideration of The Board. As a curious illustration of the customs and introduction to the members of the legal body, on the revival of the King's Inns Society, "The Black Book," which is so fully described in the Return by the Librarian of that Society, or Selections from it, may possibly be deemed not unworthy of publication. And perhaps, in a practical point of view, the Board would consider the publication of the Rules and Regulations in the several Courts of Law and Equity, as a valuable desideratum to the Legal Profession. To these Publications, the Oaths of Office to be found in the Hanaper and Chief Remembrancer's Offices might be added, for the reasons already suggested in the First General Report.

In the printed Lords and Commons Journals, the Public have now before them a valuable and extensive collection of historical and legislative information relating to Ireland, comprising a period of nearly two centuries; and that stock of information, it is respectfully suggested, might be usefully increased, by printing an Appendix to the Lords' Journals, similar to that which is annexed to the new Edition of the Commons' Journals; and to the Appendixes of both Works might be added, Selections from Papers laid before Committees of either House, which do not appear annexed to their Reports, and which have never been printed in any shape.

It may not be irrelevant here also to suggest, that where so much pains have been bestowed in forming a voluminous General Index to the Commons' Journals, a General Index would be desirable to the Journals of the Lords, which are at present without any other reference than that of a Volume Index.

On the subject of State Papers, and the expediency of publishing any Selection of them from among the Records of Ireland, similar to Rymer's Fœdera, it is necessary to observe, that the attention of the English Record Commissioners has been lately directed to a new Edition of that great national Work; that their plan seems to include materials found in Ireland: and that, in pursuance of this intention, the learned Gentleman to whom the execution of it had been committed, has recently visited this Country in a view of collecting such.

Although the intended new Edition of the Fœdera will doubtless be a copious and splendid collection of historical documents, yet, when it is considered that the original Edition of that Work does not come lower in date than the beginning of the reign of Charles II. and that most of the materials for such a work in this Country are to be found among the Records of the seventeenth century; it will not, I trust, be considered presumptuous in the individual who offers this opinion, or disrespectful towards the English Commission, to suggest, with great deference, that a Collection on the plan of the Acta Regia, a work that has received the marked approbation of the learned Editor of the Fœdera, might be usefully framed under the authority of this Board, as soon as some progress shall have been made in the Calendars and Repertories to the Plea, Patent, and Memoranda Rolls, and that the arrangement of the State Papers, and of the Records in the Rolls and Auditor General's Offices, shall have been completed.

I have been led in some measure to these suggestions, by a review and consideration of the labours of the indefatigable Mr. Lodge, among whose volumes I find a commencement of an "Acta Regia Hibernica." But in thus freely submitting them to the consideration of The Board, I would by no means wish to be understood to convey any suggestion at variance with those opinions which have been given on the subject by the learned Editor of Rymer, or in any degree opposite to the intentions of the English Board of Public Records, to whose patriotic and indefatigable exertions, Great Britain is not alone indebted, but also this part of the United Kingdom highly so, for the participation of a measure calculated to bequeath to the whole Empire such permanent and essential benefits.

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IN concluding this Report, I must beg leave, with great diffidence, to draw the attention of The Board to the mode of perpetuating Records by means of Duplicates; a subject that has been before partially adverted to, under the head of Calendars and Indexes. The system there recommended I would here propose to extend to many ancient Records, though of a private nature; and also to such important modern Records and public Documents as the wisdom of Parliament, under an improved system of Registration, may deem worthy of being guarded with peculiar care from the many hazards to which they must be liable without some such precaution.

All which is most respectfully submitted, this 11th day of July 1812.

Wm Shaw Mason,
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The First APPENDIX to which the foregoing REPORT refers;

Being a TABULAR DIGEST of the several Returns of OFFICERS or KEEPERS of RECORD REPOSITORIES; classed under the several Heads of—1. General Repositories:—2. Offices of State:—3. Courts of Justice:—4. Cathedrals:—5. Universities and Colleges:—6. Inns of Court, and Public Libraries:—7. Public Boards.

I.—GENERAL REPOSITORIES.

	REPOSITORY, or Principal Officer.	Situation, Condition; Whether Public or Private PROPERTY.	GENERAL CONTENTS.	State of Preservation and Arrangement; and, Whether INDEXED, &c.	Number, Duty, and Remuneration of Officers.	OBSERVATIONS or MEASURES suggested in RETURNS.
1.	Birmingham Tower.	A Room & Closet in the Castle of Dublin.	Patent, Claus, Plea and Pipe Rolls; Itinerant Justices and Gaol Delivery Rolls; Attornations, Attainders, Pardons, Estreats, Inquisitions, King's Bench Writs and Returns, Issues to Sheriffs, &c.; with other Manuscripts not yet arranged or ascertained, and many Volumes of State Papers.	These Records are in various degrees of Preservation. To the Patent Rolls there is an imperfect Repertory, but no general Index or Table of Contents, except Mr. Lodge's MSS. in the Secretary's Office.	Two Deputies who make Searches, Salary of 12. *l.* 12 *s.* per annum, and Two Guineas for a Search, which seldom exceed two or three in a year.	The Apartments in which those Records are deposited, are convenient, but not fire proof.
2.	Parliamentary Record Office.	A House, No. 35, Anglesea-street; rented by Government. Insecure.	Acts, Journals, and Proceedings, of the Lords and Commons of Ireland; State Papers; Patents; Drafts, and Heads of Bills; Minute Books, Appeals, Petitions, and Proceedings; Judges Opinions, Writs of Error, Summonses; Maps, Plans, Estimates, &c.	Though in a general state of preservation, some however have been materially injured. There are no Repertories or Indexes.	Two Deputy Keepers; no Salary by Government. Fees for Searches in proportion to the time and labour required; average amount thereof, 1 *l.* 9 *s.*	A General Index recommended; and also, that a public Building should be provided, because some of the walls, and part of the floors, notwithstanding several props, were giving way.
3.	Registry for Deeds, Wills, and so forth.	A ground floor in the Buildings adjoining the Four Courts. Insecure. Public property.	Memorials of Original Deeds, Wills, and other Conveyancing Documents, from 1708 to the present time.	Generally in good Preservation; but some are in a decaying state, and illegible. There are Indexes of Persons and Places, partly in Dictionary order.	A Deputy Register, with several Clerks paid by the Register, who receives a Salary, the amount of which is not stated, besides Fees of Office, of which no correct account can be given.	The Calendars of the Denominations of Lands should undergo general revision.—The Deputy Register's Memorial annexed to Return, referred to, respecting Calendars.

II.—OFFICES OF STATE.

4.	State Papers.	In Dublin Castle.	Original King's Letters, and their Copies, called King's Letter Books; Ecclesiastical, Civil, and Country Letter Books; Government Correspondence; Original Petitions for Fairs, Markets, &c.	In good Preservation, and arranged. There are no general Catalogues or Repertories, but each Volume has an Index.	When permitted by the Chief Secretary, the Deputy Clerk of Paper Office (who is also a Clerk in Chief Secretary's Office) searches and gives Copies, &c.	As the Books and Papers in the Chief Secretary's Office are accumulating, an additional place should be provided for those not in immediate use.

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TABULAR DIGEST of the several Returns of OFFICERS or KEEPERS of RECORD REPOSITORIES—*continued.*

II.—OFFICES OF STATE—*continued.*

	REPOSITORY, or Principal Officer.	Situation, Condition; Whether Public or Private PROPERTY.	GENERAL CONTENTS.	State of Preservation and Arrangement; and, Whether INDEXED, &c.	Number, Duty, and Remuneration of Officers.	OBSERVATIONS or MEASURES suggested in RETURNS.
5.	Privy Council.	Dublin Castle.	Privy Council Acts and Proceedings; Order, Fiant, Concordatum and Warrant Books, from 1711; with Letter, Minute, Approbation, and many other Books, and Papers, prior to that period.	In good Preservation; those before 1711 are without Titles, &c. There is a general Catalogue of all, but no general Repertory or Index.	Care of Records, &c. the duty of the Deputy Clerk of the Council.	In 1711, the Council Office and almost the whole of its Records were burnt. The Manuscript Papers belonging to this Office, which are in confusion in a Closet on the stairs leading to Birmingham Tower Record Room, cannot be classified in their present inconvenient situation.
6.	Privy Seal.	Deputy Keeper's private House.	A Book, containing Abstracts of all Fiants, before the Seal is affixed thereto by the Chancellor. Two Volumes of a like nature are lodged in the Chief Secretary's Office.	The Fiant Book is fairly written; Entries made according to date; with a marginal Index.	The Deputy, whose duty it is to attend, remunerated by Office Fees.	Each Volume, as soon as full, is lodged in the Chief Secretary's Office.
7.	Board of Green Cloth.	Dublin Castle.	No Records or Documents.	—	—	None.
8.	Office of Arms.	In Deputy Ulster's private Dwelling-house, in North Cape-street; 40 *l.* Rent from Government.	Visitation Books, with Pedigrees, and Arms, of the Nobility and Gentry; Funeral Certificates; Entries of Marriages, Issues, &c. of Irish Peers; Registries of Grants of Arms; Rolls of Genealogy, Pedigrees, &c.	In good Order, with correct Indexes, and a general Index.	Deputy Ulster, at a Salary, besides Fees.	There are in Trinity College Library many Books, said to have formerly belonged to this Office: They or their Copies would be of great public utility.

III.—COURTS OF JUSTICE.

IN THE COURT OF CHANCERY.

9.	Rolls Office.	Record Room, Four Courts; not secure against the weather.	Patent, Claus, Parliamentary, Tipperary, Palatinate, Cromwell, Judgment, Decree, Convert, and Catholic Rolls; Fiants, Inquisitions, Letters of Guardianship, Equity Pleadings; with a variety of other miscellaneous matters.	Some particular Indexes; many of which are decayed, defective, and incomplete. There is no general Index.	Deputy Keeper of the Rolls, and his Clerks, who attend, and are paid by Fees of Office, &c.	A Plan for facilitating the Searches of Purchasers as to Lands, &c. by keeping an account of all Bills filed within the last twenty years; Transfers; and many other useful Measures, are suggested in the Additional Return from this Repository.
10.	Crown and Hanaper.	Two Rooms under Rolls Office, Four Courts. Public property.	Election Writs of Commoners, to the Union, and of Peers since the Union; Commissions of Lunacy, &c. and Inquisitions thereon; Apostles, and Warrants thereon; Significavits; Dedimuses to swear Magistrates; also Warrants and Fiants for all the above purposes.	No general Index, but well arranged.	A Deputy and Two Clerks. The Principal and Deputy have Salaries, with Office Fees.	A List of Officers usually sworn into office by the Clerk of the Crown, is subjoined to the Return.
11.	Cursitor.	In Building adjoining the Four Courts. Public property.	Precipes for issuing original Writs; and Warrants of Attorney; Precipes to Outlawries; Books of Entries of the Writs issued, with Attornies' Names, &c.	A regular Book of Reference, without Alphabet. The Precipes in good preservation since 1745.	One Clerk attends, having a fixed Salary from Cursitor, who has Fees of Office.	Many Chasms in these Records.
12.	Registe .	A Room in Four Courts. Secure, but too small.	Books of Hearings, Motions, Attachments, and Pleadings; Papers of Decrees; Consents, Petitions, Certificates, Reports; and Bundles of Depositions, &c.	To the Books there are Alphabetical Indexes.—The Papers are in Alphabets, regularly placed as received.	Two Deputy Registers and Head Clerks. No public Salary, but Fees of Office.	One Hearing Book, lost many years ago, supposed by Lord Lifford, at the House of Lords.
13.	Masters; Four in number.	Chambers in Four Courts.	Depositions taken in aid of Accounts directed to them by the Lord Chancellor.	No Return.	No Return.	None.
14.	Accountant General.	Chambers at Four Courts, built by Government.	Books of Account with the Bank of Ireland; Inventory of the Deeds, and Paper Securities, deposited in the Bank of Ireland.	The Bank has the care of the Deeds and Papers.	Held by Patent under the Crown, at a Salary of 500 *l.* a year.—No Fees annexed to this Office.	A history of this Office, with many extraneous observations, are given in this Return.

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III.—COURTS OF JUSTICE—*continued.*

	REPOSITORY, or Principal Officer.	Situation, Condition; Whether Public or Private PROPERTY.	GENERAL CONTENTS.	State of Preservation and Arrangement; and, Whether INDEXED, &c.	Number, Duty, and Remuneration of Officers.	OBSERVATIONS or MEASURES suggested in RETURNS.
	COURT OF CHANCERY—*continued.*					
15.	Clerk of Reports.	No Public Office appointed for him.	Bank of Ireland Receipts for Deeds of Chancery Suitors, and their Deposits of Money; Accountant General's Certificates for Payments, and other Lodgments in Bank.	No Return.	Salary 120*l.* per annum less by Pells and Pound age; no Fees. Duties executed by a Clerk.	This Officer is appointed by the Crown pursuant to the Acts of 23d and 24th George III. chap. 22. section 4. by which the Office was created, and the Duties prescribed.
16.	Usher and Register of Affidavits.	A Chamber in the Four Courts.	Original Affidavits of Suitors in Chancery; Deeds, Papers, Securities and other Effects, of Suitors in Chancery, not comprised in Schedule delivered, in 1784, into the National Bank.	In good Preservation, and alphabetically arranged in Presses. No Catalogues or Indexes.	A Deputy, and one Clerk. No Salaries, but Fees of Office.	The Affidavits are so very numerous, that an additional Chamber is absolutely necessary. There is a Schedule of Suitors' Deeds, Papers, &c. in the hands of the Usher, subjoined to this Return.
17. & 18.	Examiners.	Public Offices in one of the Wings of the Four Courts.	Interrogatories, and Depositions thereto, by Commission and otherwise. The oldest is of the year 1600.	In order, with Alphabetical Catalogues and complete Indexes.	The two Examiners and Clerks attend. No Salary but Fees.	The Rooms being at the top of the Building, inconvenient, and distressing to old and decrepid Witnesses, and being used both as Record and Sitting Rooms, too small; the Documents consequently sent out to be copied, and liable to be lost. The copying Clerk should be sworn to secrecy; and the Depositions should be on Parchment, as in England.
19.	Six Clerks.	Four Courts.	No Public Records.	No Return.	No Return.	A control over Pleadings, and Emolument therefrom, exclusively claimed by the Master of the Rolls, and his Predecessors, of whose Office the Six Clerks were originally a component part, and as such entitled to same advantages as the Six Clerks in the Chancery in England.
20.	Clerk and Register of Faculties.	In an Office in the Four Courts.	Two Books, commencing 18th July 1753, and regularly continued to the present time.	In the best state of Preservation; arranged according to dates, with a complete Index to each Book.	One Clerk, who enters each Faculty on passing the Great Seal, and is paid by the Register. No Searches or Copies, these three years past.	There is no Building for the purpose of keeping said Records, but the Officer preserves them in an Office belonging to Four Courts, to the use of which he is entitled by virtue of another Situation.
21.	Clerk of Recognizances.	In Presses in an Office at the Four Courts. Public property.	Chancery Recognizances, from 1691 to the present time, all enrolled except from the 17th March 1802, till 7th November 1812; Books, in which are entered the Title of each Recognizance, and the Names of the Principals and Sureties.	In Alphabetical Order, and good Preservation; arranged in yearly bundles. The Catalogues and Indexes are complete.	The Officer and a Clerk attend. Fees for Abstracts, &c.	The completion of the deficiency of Enrolment from 1802 to 1812 recommended; as also, that the Office should be exclusively set apart for the Recognizances.
22.	Deputy Secretary of Bankrupts, and Clerk of Bankrupt Office.	In an Office at the Four Courts; the joint use of which he has in right of another Office.	Certificates, Supersedeases, Affidavits, Petitions, and Lord Chancellors Orders, since the enactment of Bankrupt Laws in Ireland; Books containing Entries of the issuing of Bankrupts Commissions, till 24th March 1807, and from January 1810.	In the best state of Preservation; severally arranged both Alphabetically and according to their dates.	Assisted by one Clerk. Net Receipt for Searches, Copies, and Certificates, on three years average, amounts not to 100*l.* per annum.	For public convenience, a distinct Office would be requisite. The completion of Indexes, &c. would require Two additional Clerks for three months.
23.	Clerk and Keeper of Bankrupt Enrolments.	In his House. Private property.	Commissions, and Proceedings; Deeds of Assignment of Bankrupts Property, and their Certificates.	In perfect Preservation. There is a Calendar to the Rolls, and an Index to the Calendar.	The Clerk himself performs the Duty, and is recompensed by Fees of Office.	None.
24.	Pursuivant.	Office at the Four Courts; of which he has the joint use in another capacity.	Attachments upon which Pursuivant has issued Warrants.	No Indexes or Books of any sort kept by him as Pursuivant.	No Searches made in said Office.	An Attachment is in force only for one year, after which it is necessary to have it renewed; and the Orders upon which those Attachments issue, are always of Record in their proper Offices.

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III.—COURTS OF JUSTICE—*continued.*

	REPOSITORY, or Principal Officer.	Situation, Condition; Whether Public or Private PROPERTY.	GENERAL CONTENTS.	State of Preservation and Arrangement; and, Whether INDEXED, &c.	Number, Duty, and Remuneration of Officers.	OBSERVATIONS or MEASURES suggested in RETURNS.
			IN THE KING'S BENCH.			
25.	Crown Office.	New Public Offices on the King's Inns Quay.	Enrolments of Indictments, Presentments, Convictions; Mandamus Writs, Writs of Error, Attachments, Habeas Corpus, Quo Warrantos; Courts Marshal Proceedings; and the Records of Courts of Commission of Oyer and Terminer for County and County of the City of Dublin, since the commencement of that Court in 1729, to 1794. The Records of Outlawry are lodged in an Iron Chest, in custody of the Deputy Prothonotary.	Rolls, &c. before 1700 damaged by dirt and damp. Indexes are added since 1798.	Deputy Clerk of the Crown; has no Salary, but Fees.	It would be highly beneficial to have a general Catalogue of all Matters of moment that were *finally determined.* Lord Chief Justice Kilwarden made an Order to remove the Iron Chest of Outlawries into the Crown Office.
26.	Prothonotary, Keeper of Writs, and Clerk of Errors.	Apartments at the Four Courts.	Entries in Debt, Case, &c.; Rules, Orders, Minutes of Proceedings in King's Bench, during each Term; Rolls of qualifying Persons, of Cognovits, Nil Dicits, Posteas, Churchwardens' Certificates of Conformity, &c. Outlawries for High Treason, in an Iron Chest.	In a good state of Preservation. No general, but some particular Indexes, Catalogues, &c.	Two Prothonotaries and Two Deputies; Twelve regular, and several under-Clerks. Their Income arises from Fees.	The Key of the Iron Chest containing Records of Outlawry for High Treason, remains with the Chief Justice. The Chest was removed from the Crown Office many years since by Order of the House of Lords.
27.	Filacer.	Rooms in the King's Bench Office. Public property.	Files of Declarations, Pleas, Demurrers, Joinders, Rejoinders, Bail Pieces and Recognizances, &c.	In perfect Preservation. No general Index, but Books referring by numbers to Originals, which are in themselves Catalogues.	Two Deputies: They have an Annuity of 200*l* per annum, besides Fees; their Clerks' Emoluments 100*l*. per annum on an average for three years.	——
	Clerk of the Rules and Orders.	——	No Return.	——	——	None.
28.	Examiners.	——	The Examiners have not any Records in their possession, they are filed with the Prothonotary of the Court.	——	Their joint duty is to examine into and report as to the Morals of those applying to be Attornies, and that they have served the regular time, and have the several documents required by the Act of Parliament.	The Documents are three Affidavits; one of the Person applying, another of the Person to whom he served his time, and the third, that the proper Notices have been posted; with two Certificates, that the King's Inns and Stamp Office Fees have been paid; and also, the Report of the Examiners.
29.	Seal Keeper.	An Apartment in King's Bench Office, on the Inns Quay. Public property.	MS. Books of the Names, &c. of the practising Attornies, pursuant to the Act of 46 Geo. III. c. 64. the dates of their Licences from the Stamp Office, &c. They commence with the Act, viz. 2d November 1806, and are continued down to the present time. Books of Writs and Process under Seal: these commence in 1760 to the present time.	In good Preservation and arrangement. The Entries in the Books are in alphabetical order, and form a complete Index in themselves.	An Assistant, who enters the Certificates produced to be registered. The Fees on registering Attornies are 38*l*. 6*d*. annually; and for Searches and Certificates 3*l*. on an average of the last three years.	The Writ and Seal Books are considered as a private Account between this Officer and the Chief Justice. They are not liable, for obvious reasons, to inspection.

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III.—COURTS OF JUSTICE—*continued.*

	REPOSITORY, or Principal Officer.	Situation, Condition; Whether Public or Private PROPERTY.	GENERAL CONTENTS.	State of Preservation and Arrangement; and, Whether INDEXED, &c.	Number, Duty, and Remuneration of Officers.	OBSERVATIONS or MEASURES suggested in RETURNS.
			IN THE COMMON PLEAS.			
30.	Chirographer, and Custos Brevium.	Public Offices on the Inns Quay.	Fines, comprehending Writs of Covenant, Dedimus or Commission, Concords, Affidavits of Acknowledgments, and all other kinds of Writs; with Proceedings of the Palatinate of Tipperary, removed here by Act of Parliament in 1715.	In good Preservation, and well arranged. Indexes to the Fines complete; some are written in Court Hand, and in the Latin Language.	Attendance by one of the Patentees and Deputy. No Salary, but Fees of Office to the Deputy.	The Patentees conceiving that Indexes in the English Language would be of great public utility, are proceeding in framing one accordingly.
31.	Prothonotary.	In Buildings belonging to Government, on the Inns Quay.	Remembrance Rolls, Rolls of Precipes for Recoveries of Judgments, Actions in Debt, Case, Dower, Partition, Quare Impedit, Ejectments, Attornies' Admissions, Persons taking Allegiance and Supremacy Oaths; Writs of Inquiries, Scire Facias, &c.	Rolls, bound in vellum covers, and in good Preservation. No general, but some particular Indexes and Alphabets.	Prothonotaries and Deputies, with Eleven Clerks, attend. No Salaries, but Fees, &c. returned to the Finance Committee.	A complete general Index to the Recoveries would be of great public utility.—More room will shortly be required for the Records.
32.	Filacers and Exigenter.	Office at Four Courts. Insecure.	Books and Files of Appearances; Bail, and Defences in Ejectment; Enrolments of Judgments of Non Pros in Debt, Case, Ejectment, Replevin, &c.; Files of Bills against Peers and privileged Persons; Entries of Writs, &c.	In tolerable Preservation, but ill arranged. Without Indexes to Judgment Books; but others sufficiently complete.	Filacer and Exigenter, with Two Deputies and a Clerk. Paid by Fees of Office.	A commodious Office absolutely necessary. And great utility would arise from enrolling the Judgments, from 1800 to 1808.
33.	Clerk of Warrants and Estreats.	In Clerk's Lodgings. Private property.	Rules for Fines and Amerciaments against Seneschals and Sheriffs, which are estreated into the Exchequer; also Consents to reduce them; and Paper Abstracts of absolute Fines entered in Rule Book.	Records in good Preservation, but not regularly arranged. No general Catalogues or Indexes.	A Deputy, who has a Clerk paid by himself. He is recompensed by Fees.	Scarcely any of the Books, Rolls, Papers, and other Records and Entries, were handed over by former Deputy, to whom they had been delivered by Predecessor of present Officer.
34.	Clerk of the Rules and Entries.	Four Courts. Inconvenient and insecure. Public property.	Peremptory Rule Books, Consents, Submissions, and Awards; Entries of practising Attornies; of Persons applying for benefit of Insolvent Acts, with their Petitions, &c.	In tolerable Preservation, and in numerical order. No general Catalogues or Indexes.	Two Clerks, paid by the Clerk of the Rules, who has the custody of the Records, which are consulted without any Fee; but he is recompensed by other Fees.	A recommendation of a small Fee for searching Rule Books.
35.	Clerk of the Errors, Juries, and Essoigns.	Common Pleas Office. Public property.	Writs of Error not proceeded upon; Records of Error from Inferior Courts; Venire Facias Pleas; and a File of Essoigns.	In good Preservation; without Catalogues or Indexes.	Two Clerks, who perform the Duties, and are recompensed by Fees of Office.	None.
36.	Clerk of the Outlawries.	Common Pleas Office.	Writs of Proclamation of Outlawries, and the Returns thereon; Capias utlagatum Writs, and Abstracts of the Proclamations.	In good Preservation. Indexes complete, from 1739 to the present time.	A Deputy; recompensed by Office Fees.	None.
37.	Clerk of the Assignments.	—	No Records.	No Return.	No Return.	Acting as Clerk to the Deputy Prothonotaries, who have already returned an Answer. He refers thereto.
38.	Examiners.	—	——	——	——	The Duties and Returns of the Examiners of this Court are similar to those of the King's Bench. Vide N° 28.
39.	Seal Keeper.	At the Four Courts.	A Book, in which are Entries of all Writs sealed there.	In good Preservation.	He attends; and the Fees belong to the Chief Justice.	—

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III.—COURTS OF JUSTICE—*continued.*

	REPOSITORY, or Principal Officer.	Situation, Condition; Whether Public or Private PROPERTY.	GENERAL CONTENTS.	State of Preservation and Arrangement; and, Whether INDEXED, &c.	Number, Duty, and Remuneration of Officers.	OBSERVATIONS or MEASURES suggested in RETURNS.
			IN THE EXCHEQUER:—*Receipt.*			
40.	Auditor General.	Dublin Castle, & the Dome of the Four Courts.	Books of Patents; King's Letters, Decrees respecting Acts of Settlement, &c.; Certificates of transplanted Persons; Books of Composition; Indentures; Rent Rolls of Monasteries, and of Quit, Crown and Composition Rents, &c.; Books of Survey, and Distribution of forfeited Lands; Rolls of Lands restored to Papist Innocents, and of Incumbrances affecting them; National Accounts; Maps of Lands forfeited in 1688; with many other miscellaneous important Records and Documents.	Those in the Castle in tolerable Preservation; but those in the Four Courts in a confused state, and in danger from dust and damp. Catalogues and Indexes are incomplete.	Two Clerks; one of them having care of the Records, has a Salary of 100*l.* per Annum, and Emoluments from Fees of Office, about 200*l.* per Annum on an average.	It would be a benefit to the Public to complete general Alphabets, as many important matters have been omitted in those in the Office, some of which, from constant use, are nearly defaced. And it is considered, that it would be of national advantage if a proper Building was procured, where the whole of these valuable Records might be properly arranged.
41.	Clerk of the Pells.	The original Vouchers or Warrants are lodged in the Auditor General's Office.	Books containing Accounts of the Receipts and Issues of His Majesty's Exchequer.	No Return.	It is his duty to superintend and control the Receipts and Issues.	The Duties and particulars of this Office are detailed in Reports made to the Commissioners of Inquiry.
42.	Teller.	Dublin Castle.	Counter Cash and Abstract Books, from an early period.	Those in present use in good preservation.	No Return.	None.
3.	Chamberlain.	—	—	—	—	The Duties of this Office were abolished under Mr. Forbes's Responsibility Bill in 1795.
			Of Account, or Revenue Side.			
44.	Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer.	Public Buildings adjoining the Four Courts; insufficient room.	Enrolments of Pleadings and Judgments of Court, called Communia; also Originalia, being Schedules, or Nils from the Pipe; Returns of Process; Miscellaneous Exchequer Rolls, besides Rolls of Accounts; Regal Letters, and Vice Regal Warrants; Writs, Grants, &c.; Inquisitions of various kinds; Exchequer Orders, and Proceedings with Sheriffs, &c.; also the Statute Measures composed of Brass, stamped "7th Wm. III."	In tolerable order, without any general Index or Catalogue.	The Deputies and Secondaries attend, assisted by Clerks remunerated by Fees of Office.	It is conceived that it would be of much importance that the Inquisitions, Patents, and King's Letters (which are in Latin and in the Court Hand) should be examined; and that a Repertory should be made thereto, as well as an Index to the Lands granted in Custodiam.
45.	Clerk of the Pipe, and Engrosser of the Great Roll.	Gloucester-street, Dublin. Private property.	Great Roll of the Exchequer, commencing 1746, and containing an Account of Fines on Sheriffs, Copies of Grants of Lands in Custodiam, and Rents reserved thereon.	In good Preservation, and arranged in order of time; but no Repertories or Indexes.	Deputy and one Clerk attend, and are remunerated by Emoluments of Office. The Principal's Salary is 289*l.* 16*s.* 4*d.*	A general Catalogue, and especially an alphabetical List of the Lands in Custodiam, would be of great utility, as these Records are highly important, not only affecting the revenue of the Crown, but the property of the Subject.
46.	Comptroller of the Pipe.	In the Deputy's House, in Hume-street, Dublin.	A Book of Entries of Outlawed Persons, with the Lands granted in Custodiam, and the Rents reserved; Transcripts of Fines upon Sheriffs, Escheators, &c. with original Estreats, called Green Wax Process.	In good Preservation.	Office Business transacted by Deputy & his Clerks; and though the Principal has a sinecure Salary of 450*l.* per Annum, yet the Fees are not adequate to the Expense and Trouble of the Deputy.	The abuse of the Green Wax Process is represented by this Officer to be so gross, so injurious to the subject, and so unproductive to the Crown, that a total and radical revision of the Laws under that head (as also as to the Reduction of Fines) would be of the greatest advantage both to the Revenue and to the Public.
47.	Transcriptor and Foreign Apposer.	In his Dwelling-house. Private property.	Summonisters Processes to Sheriffs, previous to passing their Accounts.	In good Preservation; in parcels, one for each year.	The Officer attends, and is paid a small Salary, besides Official Fees.	He advises that, every ten years, those Records should be removed to Birmingham Tower; and that a fixed Office should be provided for Sheriffs, for passing their Accounts.

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III.—COURTS OF JUSTICE—*continued.*

	REPOSITORY, or Principal Officer.	Situation, Condition; Whether Public or Private PROPERTY.	GENERAL CONTENTS.	State of Preservation and Arrangement; and, Whether INDEXED, &c.	Number, Duty, and Remuneration of Officers.	OBSERVATIONS or MEASURES suggested in RETURNS.
	EXCHEQUER: *Revenue Side*—continued.					
48.	Summonister, and Clerk of the Estreats.	At his Dwelling-house, Great Ship-street. Private property.	Estreats of Fines on Magistrates, Jurors, Sheriffs, Coroners, Seneschals, and Convicts.	In good Preservation, and in Alphabetical order.	The Officer, and two Clerks paid by him. Emoluments from Fees of Office.	None.
49.	Casual Revenue Solicitor.	——	Has not any Records in his possession, they being kept in the several Offices of the Exchequer; viz. Chief and Second Remembrancer's Offices; Summonister's Clerk, and Comptroller of the Pipe, and First Fruits Offices.	——	He acts merely as Attorney, to enforce the due execution of the Offices of Sheriffs, Justices, &c.	Most of the Writs, Schedules, and Rolls of Green Wax, issue out of the Pipe Office.
50.	First Fruits Office.	Stephen-street, Dublin. Secure, and commodious, but subject to fire. Private property.	Archbishops' and Bishops' Diocesan Returns of Promotions Spiritual, &c.; Sheriffs' Inquisitions, and Findings against defaulting Incumbents and Sureties; Incumbents' Composition Bonds; two Rolls of Debtors and Defaulters; the Valor Beneficiorum, or Value of Livings; Abstracts from Bishops' Returns, from 1616; Enrolments of Bonds, 1636; and two vols. of Cases and Opinions, and other Matters relating to the Office; Books of Arrears; Board Accounts; a General Registry of Bond Entries, and a large Ledger, opened in 1803; Process Books against defaulting Incumbents since 1789, when the Process was revised; a Book of Mort Process; Appearance and Rule Books since 1803.	In good Preservation, and arranged according to subjects and dates; but no general Catalogues, Calendars, or Indexes, save that the Ledger has an Index of the Livings; and the Book of Returns now in use has one of Persons and Places.	A Patentee Office, and comprehending two distinct departments, of Remembrancer & Receiver. The duties discharged by one of the Patentees and a Deputy, who is also Senior Clerk, and has custody of the Records. A junior Clerk also employed in the Office. Attendance is from 11 till 3, on Office Days. Besides the Salaries from Civil List and First Fruits Board, not altogether amounting to 100*l.* per Annum, there are official Fees, regulated according to the practice of the Exchequer.	The First Fruits were a Tax of one year's Value, paid by the Clergy to the Pope, till the 28th of Hen. VIII. when they were vested in the Crown, and so continued till 10th of Ann, when they were transferred to Trustees, and the 20th parts abolished. In one of the Grants in James Ist's time, it is styled The First Fruits Office of the Court of Exchequer. In the Series of these Records, especially in those of the Diocesan Returns, many chasms and deficiencies occur. It is conceived that great utility would result by making a general Index to all the Records in this Office, after being properly examined and arranged.
51.	Clerk of Quit Rents.	In the Custom-House, Dublin.	Books of Survey and Distribution under Act of Settlement; Quit and Crown Rent Rolls; Abstract Books of Collectors' Accounts; Books of Arrears; a Book of Down Survey; Maps in Charles 2d's time; Books of Quit, Crown, and Composition Rents, paid into Treasury; Books of Orders and Constats, from Exchequer, and Auditor General's Office; Provincial, Quit, and Crown Rent Rolls; Books of Insolvent Arrear Lists.	In good condition; with Alphabets or Indexes to most.	The Clerk of Quit Rents, his Assistant, and three other Clerks at different Salaries, attend during Custom-house hours. No Fees taken.	——
52.	Solicitor of the King's Rents.	——	No Public Records.	——	——	This Officer sues merely as an Attorney for the Arrears.
53.	Forfeiture Office.	In Port Record Room, at the Custom House.	Depositions, Petitions, Reports, Orders, Leases, Decrees, Conveyances, Sales, Minutes, and Docquets respecting Forfeitures in 1688; Claims dismissed or allowed, &c.	In good Preservation; and most of them with Repertories or Indexes.	Two Officers:—the Register with a Salary of 300*l.* per annum, a Sinecure; and the Acting Clerk, at 80*l.* per annum, with Office Fees.	A printed List of the Claims, in the hands of the Solicitor of Forfeitures; and a Book of the Postings on the Sales, in the possession of a Clerk in Auditor General's Office.
54.	Solicitor of Forfeited Estates.	——	Negative Return.	——	——	Refers to the Register of Forfeitures' Return.
55.	Surveyor General of Crown Lands, and His Majesty's Honors in Ireland.	A Room in Dublin Castle; damp and insecure.	County and Baronial Maps of forfeited and unforfeited Lands, made by Sir William Petty, and called The Down Survey; together with General Vallancey's Transcript of the Barony Maps, from Originals in the King's Library at Paris: Also other Maps, &c. made by order of the Exchequer.	The Maps of the Down Survey much injured by fire. The Transcripts are in good order. There are Indexes to the Maps.	Deputy Surveyor General attends, and is recompensed by Office Fees. The Surveyor General's Salary is 600*l.* per annum.	None.
56.	Escheator of Leinster.	——	No Documents in his possession.	——	——	None.

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III.—COURTS OF JUSTICE—*continued.*

	REPOSITORY, or Principal Officer.	Situation, Condition; Whether Public or Private PROPERTY.	GENERAL CONTENTS.	State of Preservation and Arrangement; and, Whether INDEXED, &c.	Number, Duty, and Remuneration of Officers.	OBSERVATIONS or MEASURES suggested in RETURNS.
	EXCHEQUER—*continued.*		*Of Account, or Equity Side.*			
57.	The King's or Chief Remembrancer's Office.	In the West Quadrangle of the Building adjoining Four Courts. Good accommodation, and Public property.	Memoranda Rolls of the Equity Side of the Exchequer, from Edward I. down; containing (besides Court Decrees and Audito Compoto) Town Charters, Patents, Wards, Liveries, Acts of Parliament, &c.; Bundles of Inquisitions Post Mortem, on Surrender of Monasteries, on attainted Persons, and Ecclesiastical Benefices; Rolls of Adventurer-Soldiers' Certificates at the Usurpation; Rolls of Decrees in favour of innocent Papists, in Charles 2d's time; Rolls of Quit Rent Reducements; Rolls of Transplanters to Connaught, in time of Cromwell; many Rolls of Commissioners' *Decisions* under Act of Settlement; The Red Book of the Exchequer, containing many ancient Statutes and Writs of Privilege; also a Valor Beneficiorum; and Books of Entries on Sales under Exchequer Decrees; Suitors' Charges and Discharges, with Officer's Reports thereon; Proceedings, and Court Proceedings, &c. &c.	Generally speaking, in a good state of Preservation. No Index or Repertorium before Edw. VI., but a good Repertorium from Edward VI. to Charles II. to the MemorandaRolls; and since, many of the Inquisitions are torn, mutilated, or lost. Books of various Entries have Alphabets. The Records are mostly kept in Presses, and afford sufficient facility for Public convenience.	Deputy Chief Remembrancer; Register, with two Clerks; Filacer, his Deputy, and one Clerk; a Clerk in Secondary's Office, and Assistant; are charged and answerable for the Records in their respective departments. For Reading, Copying, &c. very old Records, it is usual to engage the occasional assistance of an experienced Person to make searches, &c. under the inspection of the established Officers.	For copying out such of those Records as are torn or in a decaying state, compiling Indexes and Repertories, and supplying the deficiencies stated in Report, the assistance of a Person experienced in the Court hand would be requisite; with whose aid same may be completed in a short time. It is also considered desirable that the whole of these Records should be in some degree reviewed, as, since their removal to their present situation, they have undergone no general inspection or examination.
58.	Mr. Emerson, one of the Examiners.	In his House, Camden-street.	Interrogatories in Causes on the Equity Side of the Exchequer, and Depositions thereto.	In good Preservation. The Depositions are inclosed in their Interrogatories, and Alphabetically arranged; but no Index or Catalogue.	Duty performed by the Examiner alone.	A Public Office recommended for the safety of the Records; and that the Examiners should be empowered (as those in Chancery) to administer Oaths; as at present the Record is given to the Attorney in order to swear the Witness before a Baron, and so liable to be lost or altered.
59.	Accountant General.	At his House, in Leinster-street.	Certificates and Money Transactions with the Bank of Ireland; Schedules of Securities lodged in Bank; Exchequer Orders as to Payments of Money, Stock, &c.	In a good state of Preservation; and without any chasm for 27 years past. No general Index or Repertory.	Duty performed by Accountant General, at a stated Salary of 280 *l.*, and a Clerk at 47*l.* per annum. No Fees of Office.	Recommends placing the Office in the Public Buildings at the Four Courts; and an Increase of Salary, on account of the weight and responsibility of the duties.
60.	Clerk of the Reports.	In his House, in Marlboro'-street.	Certificates of Exchequer Drafts on Bank, from Accountant General.	They are not arranged in any particular manner, and have no Index or Catalogue.	He performs the duty at a stated Salary of 115 *l.* per annum.	None.
61.	Usher.	——	Negative Return.	——	——	None.
			Of Pleas, or Law Side.			
62.	Clerk of the Pleas.	Building adjoining the Four Courts. Public property.	Judgments by Cognovit, Nil dicit, on Posteas, Inquisitions, Ejectments, Scire Facias; Certificates, Declarations, Pleadings, &c.	In tolerable order, and have Repertories and Indexes.	Two Deputy Clerks; and many others, who are paid by the Solicitors who employ them.	More commodious Apartments are stated to be absolutely necessary.
63.	Clerk of theRules.	A Room adjoining the Four Courts. Public property.	Rule Books, containing Orders made by the Court in the progress of Causes.	Generally in a good state of Preservation; with particular Indexes to each.	Clerk and Assistant; remunerated by Official Fees.	Larger Rooms, and Galleries round them, would be of great public utility, and save the Records from being injured by Ladders. A reference to Return from Deputy Clerk of the Pleas.
64.	Filacer and Clerk of the Pleadings.	Exchequer Pleas Office. Public property.	Declarations, Demurrers, Replications, Rejoinders, &c.; with Affidavits of various kinds.	In good Preservation; with some Indexes.	Duties performed by the Filacer, his Son, and several Clerks, paid bythe Officer, who is remunerated by Official Fees.	Office deficient in accommodation for the Records.

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III.—COURTS OF JUSTICE—*continued*

	REPOSITORY, or Principal Officer.	Situation, Condition; Whether Public or Private PROPERTY.	GENERAL CONTENTS.	State of Preservation and Arrangement; and, Whether INDEXED, &c.	Number, Duty, and Remuneration of Officers.	OBSERVATIONS or MEASURES suggested in RETURNS.
	EXCHEQUER:—*Of Pleas, or Law Side*—continued.					
65.	Clerk of the Alphabets.	Building adjoining Four Courts. Public property.	Alphabetical Books of Defendants' Names in Judgments by Cognovit; Judgments in Actions, on Case; Enrolments of Memorials; Books of Bail at Bar, &c.	In good order; with Alphabets, Indexes, or References, to most of them.	Duties performed by the Clerk himself, who is remunerated by official Fees.	The Memorials of Assignments and Judgments are in a very insecure place, and want room. A reference to Return from the Deputy Clerk of the Pleas.
66.	Clerk and Signer of Writs, and Clerk of Attachments and Appearances.	Adjoining Four Courts. Public property.	Entries of Attachments for Non-Appearance; Files of Common Law Subpœnas, Capias quo minus, &c.; Attornies' Warrants, Affidavits of Service, &c.	In tolerable order. No general Index, but mostly arranged in order of time.	Duties performed by the Clerk and an Assistant, who has no stated Salary, but remunerated by Fees of Office.	The Enrolment of Memorials of Assignments of Judgments discontinued in 1766. Memorial Presses in an insecure situation. A reference to Return from the Deputy Clerk of the Pleas.
67.	Clerk of Satisfactions on Judgments.	Adjoining Four Courts. Public property.	Judgment Rolls, with Books referring thereto; Warrants of Attorney, to acknowledge Satisfaction of Judgments.	In a good state of Preservation, and arranged in order of time.	Duties performed by the Clerk, who has no stated Salary, but Fees of Office.	A reference to Return from Deputy Clerk of the Pleas.
68.	Examiners.	—	No Records.	—	—	The Duties and Returns of the Examiner on this side of the Exchequer, similar to those of the King's Bench and Common Pleas. Vide 28 and 38.
69.	Pursuivant.	No particular Office, but held at the Treasurer's Remembrancer's Office, Inns Quay. Public property.	A Book of the Entries of such Attachments as come into this Office.	This Book is well preserved, but has no Index.	Duties performed by himself and Deputy. There is not any Table of Fees.	None.
70.	Serjeant at Arms.	—	No Public Records.	No Return.	No Return.	None.
71.	Seal Keeper.	Public Offices, King's Inns Quay.	Fourteen Manuscript Books, containing an Account of all Writs sealed by Exchequer Officers.	In a good state of Preservation, Entries being made according to the day. Index unnecessary.	Duty performed by attending Clerk. at 80 *l.* per annum; the Principal about 1000 *l.* per annum. The Deputy has no recompense.	None.
72.	Four Courts Marshalsea.	Thomas street. Public property.	A File of Detainers, and a Book of Debtors' Names.	No Return.	No Return.	These Documents are kept by the Officer, for his private information.
			Court of Appeals.			
73.	Register of Appeals.	Court Room at the Four Courts. Public property.	Petitions, Entries of Injunctions; Transmisses of Proceedings before Commissioners and Sub-Commissioners of Revenue and Excise; Rule Books; Commissioners' Decrees, and Affidavits, &c. &c.	In good condition. No Indexes, Repertories, or Books of Reference.	Register remunerated by Fees of Office; employs 2 Assistant Clerks. Average amount of Fees, 960 *l.* per annum.	An Index to the Books of Decrees would be of the utmost importance to the Public. A separate Office recommended.
			EXCHEQUER CHAMBER.			
74.	Clerk of the Errors.	In his House, Great George's-street, Rutland-square.	Transcripts of Records removed by Writ of Error from the King's Bench, Common Pleas, or Exchequer.	In a perfect state of Preservation. Too few to require Repertory or arrangement.	Duty performed by himself. Average of his official Fees, £.761. 5. 5. per annum.	None.
			CIRCUITS OF IRELAND.			
			Judges' Registers.			
75.	N.B. Their Returns being the same in substance, have been condensed.	Offices at their respective Houses. Private property.	The Findings of Juries, on Trials by Nisi Prius; and also Affidavits to postpone Trials, and for other temporary purposes.	These being for temporary purposes, there are no Indexes.	Duties performed by Registers. Remunerated by official Fees.	The Findings and Affidavits not considered as Records by the Officer.

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III.—COURTS OF JUSTICE—*continued.*

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	CIRCUITS OF IRELAND—*continued.*					
			Clerks of the Crown.			
76.	Crown Clerk, Province of Leinster.	In private Houses in each County Town (Dublin excepted;) Rent paid by each County (Drogheda excepted.) In Dublin, part of the Records deposited in New Sessions House, Green-street; and those previous to 1792 in King's Bench Office.	Indictments, Informations, Entries of Bail and Recognizances, Presentment and Quere Books, Panels, Issues, Verdicts, Pleas, and Judgments.	In a perfect state of Preservation, since 1794 (those for the County of the Town of Drogheda, on account of the Rebellion in 1798, and Queen's County, on account of Fire, excepted.) No chasm for the last half century; and most of them have Indexes.	He and his Clerks remunerated by Presentments and Fees, as by the 49 Geo. III. chap. 101. sec. 1.	The Records for Drogheda, from 1793, deposited in Officer's House, owing to the Grand Jury declining to present the Expense of an Office. Fees, under the Statute, not considered adequate.
77.	Patentee Crown Clerk, County of Clare.	Deputy's private House in Ennis.	Crown Books, Indictments, Informations, Bail Bonds, Grand Jury Appointments, Presentments, and Accounting Affidavits.	Records from 1719 to 1800 unarranged; from that period they are arranged on shelves and in presses. No general Catalogues or Indexes.	Officer and his Deputy; remunerated by Presentments, and also by Fees of Office, amounting to 200 *l.* per annum.	A general Repertory would be of great public utility. An instance stated, of a man in the gaol, who, having been indicted for a trivial offence, was recognised to have committed murder in 1788, and as the Indictment could not be found (on account of the irregularity of the Papers) he was set by. A Set of the Statutes, and a Map of the County, absolutely necessary.
78.	Crown Clerk, County of Cork.	A small Room in the New Court House: inconvenient.	Crown Books, Entries of Indictments alphabetically, Inquests, Informations, and Recognizances, with Bills thereon found or ignored; Quere and Presentment Books; Affidavits to obtain and account for Presentments; also Treasurers' Accounts, and Civil Bill Books.	Records prior to 1740 unarranged, and in an imperfect state; injured by a flood about 20 years ago; from 1769 they are in tolerable Preservation. Some have Alphabets, others are according to the series of the year. No general Repertories or Indexes.	The Principal, a Deputy, & Clerks; who are remunerated by Presentments and official Fees.	None.
79.	Crown Clerk, City of Cork.	Same Building with the Peace & Town Offices: insecure and incommodious.	Informations and Indictments found and ignored; Affidavits on Crown Business; Panels and Findings; Affidavits of the Expenditures of Presented Money; Capias, Crown, and Quere Books, &c. &c.	In tolerable Preservation; but unarranged. No general Repertory or Reference, but the Alphabet to the Capias Book. Each File is indorsed with its Title.	The Crown Clerk, who is remunerated by Fees of Office.	Another and more commodious place is very much wanted, for the arrangement of these Documents.
80.	Crown Clerk, County of Kerry.	Office on ground floor of the County Court House. Badly lighted, inconvenient and damp. Public property.	Coroners' Inquests, Informations, Recognizances, Indictments; Robbery & Burning Petitions; Recognizances and Traversing Presentments; Quere & Civil Bill Books; Leases; County, Baronial, and Mail Coach Road, Maps; also the Statutes.	In tolerable Preservation except a File of Indictments for 1801; the rest are severally arranged in regular order. No general Catalogue or Index.	Officer and Two Deputies; remunerated by official Fees.	A Plot of Ground purchased for erecting additional Apartments, for the accommodation of the Office.
81.	Crown Clerk, City of Limerick.	A Room of the Exchange. Secure. Corporation property.	Crown Book Indictments; Affidavits for Presentments, and on accounting; Quere and Presentment Books.	In good Preservation. Arranged on Shelves and Files, but no Indexes.	Crown Clerk, and his Son; paid partly by City, and partly by official Fees.	None.
82.	Crown Clerk, County of Tipperary.	County Court House, Clonmell; perfectly secure, and Public property.	Informations, Indictments, Panels, Issues, Affidavits, Orders, and Proceedings; with Abstracts of Indictments, and Trials; Capias Books, Quere Books, Plans, &c.	In tolerable Preservation; arranged in Presses, with complete Repertories to each parcel of Documents, for every 10 years.	Kept by the Crown Clerk solely, who is paid by official Fees, and by Presentments.	The County of Tipperary was a County Palatine, till dissolved by the Act of 6th George I. and all the Records removed to Dublin. This Officer observes, that, although appointed by Patent to both Crown and Peace Offices, he was yet deprived of the latter by the Custos Rotulorum, without any alleged fault.

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TABULAR DIGEST of the several Returns of OFFICERS or KEEPERS of RECORD REPOSITORIES—*continued.*

III.—COURTS OF JUSTICE—*continued.*

	REPOSITORY, or Principal Officer.	Situation, Condition; Whether Public or Private PROPERTY.	GENERAL CONTENTS.	State of Preservation and Arrangement; and, Whether INDEXED, &c.	Number, Duty, and Remuneration of Officers.	OBSERVATIONS or MEASURES suggested in RETURNS.
	CIRCUITS OF IRELAND:—*Clerks of the Crown*—continued.					
83.	Crown Clerk, County and City of Waterford.	Partly in a private House, paid by Grand Jury; and partly in a Room in the Jail.	Inquisitions, Examinations, Informations, Recognizances, Indictments, Crown and Capias Books, Presentments, Affidavits, Estimates, Accounts of Monies received and expended, Precipes for holding the Assizes, Registries of qualifying Catholics, &c. &c.	Records complete as to the modern part; more ancient ones have chasms. All without general Indexes or Repertories; but some few with Alphabets.	Duties performed by Crown Clerk; remunerated by Grand Jury and Fees of Office.	Some other Building necessary for the Preservation of these Records.
84.	Crown Clerk, North West Circuit; comprising Cavan, Fermanagh, Tyrone, Donegal, with the County and City of Londonderry.	Fermanagh Records, in a Room of the County Court House; those of Donegal County in the House of Correction. Buildings sufficiently secure, and Public property. Records for the other Counties are kept in Presses in private Houses in their respective Towns, rented by Grand Juries.	Rolls or Files of Indictments; Inquisitions, Depositions, Examinations, and Confessions; Precepts for holding Assizes; Crown or Court Books; Pleas, Verdicts, &c. with the Grand Jurors, Sheriffs, and Prisoners' Names; with Capias or Process and Presentment Books.	Records from 1780 in perfect Preservation, except those for Donegal. In the other Counties there are Records prior to 1780, but incomplete. Crown and Capias Books are alphabetically arranged. The rest have no Index or Repertory.	Deputy Clerk of the Crown, assisted by Clerks during Assizes: remunerated by official Fees.	The County Donegal Records were lodged at the Court House in Lifford: The County Town being too small for billeting Soldiers, in the year 1798, the Public Offices, part of the Goal, the Grand and Jury Room, were occupied by them; at which time the Presses were broken, and the Manuscripts nearly burned or destroyed.
85.	Crown Clerk, North East Circuit; comprising the Counties of Armagh, Antrim, Down, Monaghan, and County and Town of Carrickfergus.	In Antrim and Down, in the respective Court Houses. Secure, and Public property. In the other Counties, in private Houses, paid for by the Grand Jury.	Rolls of Indictments, Inquisitions, Informations, Examinations; Crown Books; Entries of Pleas, Verdicts, and Judgments; Names of Jurors, Sheriffs, and Prisoners discharged, in custody, or bailed; Capias Books, Recognizances, Affidavits, Presentments for Public Works, with Quere Books and Affidavits.	Records since 1770 are in perfect Preservation, but have neither Indexes, Catalogues, nor Repertories, except the Alphabets of the Crown and Capias Books.	Duties performed by the Deputy Clerk of the Crown, who attends at the Assizes, and remunerated by usual Emoluments of office.	In order to concentrate and preserve the Records of Treason and other capital Crimes, &c. it is suggested that the respective Crown Clerks in each year should enrol and send them up to the Crown Office of the King's Bench; and that 50 *l.* a year, presented by each County, and a moderate Salary to the Clerk of the Crown of the King's Bench, would defray the expense of such arrangement.
86.	Crown Clerk, Province of Connaught.	Offices in each County, generally private property. 20 *l.* each, annually presented for Rent.	Crown Books, one for each County; Indictments, Verdicts, Sentences; Panels of Jurors, Grand and Petty; Calendars of Prisoners; Informations of Felonies; Recognisances; Quere Books for each County, with Presentments, and Judges' Fiats thereon.	In good Preservation. The Rolls and Files of Presentments are kept and labelled for each Barony. The others are arranged according to the year and Assizes, but have no general Index.	Duties altogether performed by Officer; who is remunerated by Presentments of at each Assizes, for custody of Records, with Fees of Office.	None.
87.	Crown Solicitors for the Six Circuits. *N. B.* These Returns being the same in substance, have been condensed.	——	No Records; for the Judgments, &c. are lodged in the Crown Office in each County.	——	Their duty is to carry on Criminal Prosecutions, as ordered by Government or the Attorney General, and their Costs are paid at the Treasury.	None.
	CITY, TOWN, MANOR, AND OTHER COURTS OF INFERIOR JURISDICTION.					
	City of Dublin.					
88.	Town Clerk and Peace Clerk.	An Office adjoining City Court House in Green-street; secure and commodious, and the property of the Corporation of Dublin.	Corporation Charters of Dublin; Books and Files of Civil Proceedings, and also of Criminal Prosecutions at Quarter Sessions, &c.; likewise, Proceedings at the Corporation Assemblies, and Court of the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs of Dublin, with a List of Freemen, &c.	In good Preservation, and arranged in perfect order. All the valuable Records lodged in a stone vaulted Room, with an iron door.	The Town Clerk keeps the Key of Record Room, and charges 6 *s.* 8 *d.* for a Search. They have no Clerk paid by the Public.	There are 30 Prisoners, at least, tried every fortnight; and more Bills of Indictment in one quarter of the year, than in any four Counties in Ireland in twelve months.

TABULAR DIGEST of the several Returns of OFFICERS or KEEPERS of RECORD REPOSITORIES—*continued.*

III.—COURTS OF JUSTICE—*continued.*

	REPOSITORY, or Principal Officer.	Situation, Condition; Whether Public or Private PROPERTY.	GENERAL CONTENTS.	State of Preservation and Arrangement; and, Whether INDEXED, &c.	Number, Duty, and Remuneration of Officers.	OBSERVATIONS or MEASURES suggested in RETURNS.
	INFERIOR COURTS—CITY OF DUBLIN—*continued.*					
89.	Register of Civil Bill Court.	*At* his House, No. 30, Rutland-square West.	MS. Books, one for each Session since 1798, containing Entries of Civil Bills and Decrees, with Appeals therefrom.	Books in very good Preservation, arranged in periodical order, labelled with the year and session; the Decrees numerically entered and preserved in Presses.	One Clerk employed. The Books open at all times during office hours, without Fee.	None.
90.	Secretary to Lord Mayor.	Mansion House.	No Record in his possession.	—	—	All Instruments entered into before the Lord Mayor, are sent to the Town Clerk's Office, and remain there as matter of Record.
91.	Sheriffs Office.	A House in Mass Lane; insecure, inconvenient, and private property.	The several Writs issued out of the Courts of Chancery, King's Bench, Common Pleas, and Exchequer.	In good Preservation, and properly arranged, with complete Indexes.	One Clerk employed, who attends and keeps the Records; has no Salary from the Public. Fees not demanded for Searches, Certificates or Copies of Writs, &c.	A sufficient and proper Building adjoining the Four Courts, would be of very great utility.
			County of Dublin.			
92.	Register of Quarter Sessions.	At his own House, No. 28, French-street.	Civil Bill Entries, with Decrees thereon; Affidavits for renewing Decrees. Original Consents, Recognizances on Appealing, &c.	The Book of Entries is quite new; the other Documents are in good Preservation, and filed. There are no Catalogues or Indexes at present.	Records in care of his confidential Apprentice. No Fees for Searches, as the Act prohibits them.	Has no Records anterior to 1810; all such remain in possession of his Predecessor.
93.	Peace Clerk.	Dominick-street; commodious. Private property.	Files of true and ignored Bills of Indictment, Recognizances, Baronial and County Books of registered Freeholders' Affidavits; the Swords Borough Book; Catholic Qualification; Baronial Poll Book; Abstracts of Orders respecting Militia Families, &c.; Qualifications; Appeals from Civil Bill Decrees; Adjudications and Releases; Publicans' Rolls and Recognisances; Allegiance, Transubstantiation, Divine Service, and Sacrament Oaths; Calendars of Prisoners; Capias, Court, and Crown Books; Registry of Trees, Arms, &c.; Insolvent Debtors' Affidavits, Commissions of the Peace, and Supersedeas.	Partly damaged and incomplete, but in general in good Preservation and in alphabetical order. No general Indexes or Repertories.	Deputy performs the Duty of his Office, with remuneration by Fees according to the 49th George III.	As the City of Dublin is in the centre of the County, it would be most beneficial to the Public to have a permanent and commodious Office there, to prevent the loss and abuse of the Records by the frequent removals to the private Houses of successive Clerks. The Act of Parliament relative to Freeholders' Affidavits is very defective, and might (if known) be used for very injurious purposes. Several Amendments in the Laws respecting Peace Clerks suggested.
94.	Sheriffs Office.	In Stafford-street; Private property.	Replevins, marked Writs, Bail Bonds; Writs of Ca Sa, Fi Fa, Habere, Elegit, and Capias utlagatum, with Entries of the same, &c.; Jurors Pannels, &c.	In good Preservation, and arranged in Alphabetical order; but no general Index or Catalogue.	One Clerk is employed for the custody and arrangement of said Records, and paid by the Sheriff, without any other Remuneration.	A permanent and commodious Office is much wanted, which it is conceived ought to be supplied by the County.
95.	Seneschal of the King's Manors.	—	No Records.	—	—	A Sinecure Place. This Officer observes, that his Predecessor's Salary exceeded his by £. 200. a year.
96.	Register of the Liberty of Saint Sepulchre, including the Manors of Swords, Lusk, Finglass, Ballymore, Rathcoole, Clondalkin, Soneghkill, and Castlekevin, in the Counties of Dublin and Wicklow.	The ancient Book and Records kept at Seneschal's House, in Park-street; those of a modern date at the Register's House.	Files of Affidavits, Attachments, Appearances, Bail Pieces, Declarations, Pleas, Venires, Verdicts, Grand Jury Presentments; also Proceedings of the Grand Juries of the different Manors attached thereto.	Modern Books and Files in good Preservation, the more ancient Rolls defective as to their contents; and neither have Indexes or Catalogues.	Register performs the Duties; no Salary paid by the Public; Emoluments arise from Official Business.	As Government in 1798 purchased the Archbishop's Palace, Court House, &c. for £. 7,923. 12. 7. that Sum (by the 44th George III. chap. 61.) was deposited in the National Bank; out of which a Residence for His Grace has been obtained, and Plans for a Court House have been laid before him. A Registry of the See Leases is recommended as of great use towards ascertaining the Boundaries of the Liberties

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TABULAR DIGEST of the several Returns of OFFICERS or KEEPERS of RECORD REPOSITORIES—*continued.*

III.—COURTS OF JUSTICE—*continued.*

	REPOSITORY, or Principal Officer.	Situation, Condition; Whether Public or Private PROPERTY.	GENERAL CONTENTS.	State of Preservation and Arrangement; and, Whether INDEXED, &c.	Number, Duty, and Remuneration of Officers.	OBSERVATIONS or MEASURES suggested in RETURNS.
	INFERIOR COURTS—COUNTY OF DUBLIN—*continued.*					
97.	Register of Saint Patrick's Liberty.	Seneschal's House, Harcourt Street, Dublin. Private property.	A Book of Entries of the Proceedings of the Court Leet or Frank Pledge, from 1798 to 1804; and another, from 1799 to 1804 inclusive. A number of Warrants from the County Dublin Treasurer, to collect the portion of County Cess payable by the Liberty of St. Patrick.	The first Book loose and defective, the other in good Preservation; but all without general Repertories or Indexes.	Seneschal performs the Duties; has care of the Books, &c. &c. No Searches; but if made, would receive no Fees.	None.
98.	Register of the Manor Court of Glasnevin, or Grange Gorman.	In his Dwelling-house, No. 1, Russel-street.	Books and Rolls, containing Rules and Orders for small Debts since 1739; Jury Acts of the Manor, since 1747; Affidavits; three Declarations, and one Plea.	In a good state of Preservation; but no Repertories or Indexes.	Duty performed by the Register, who has small Fees of Office.	There is neither Court-house nor Gaol; the Business is transacted in a Public-house.
99.	Register of the Liberty of St. Thomas Court and Donore, in the City and County of Dublin.	The Books are lodged in the Register's private Office.	Files of Affidavits, Attachments, Appearances, Bail Pieces, Declarations, Pleas, Verdicts, &c.; Proceedings and Presentments of Grand Juries, for lighting, paving, and cleansing; a Book of Hearings for small Debts under five Pounds; an attested Copy of the original Patent or Grant of said Court's Liberties in the 35th of Henry VIII. with Parchment Rolls of its Proceedings, &c.	The Records of this Court, since the present Register's coming into office, are in good Preservation. At his Predecessor's death, they were dispersed, sold to hucksters, and destroyed, except what came to Lord Meath's hands. To the remaining part there are no Repertories or particular Indexes	Register performs the Duties, and remunerated by Fees.	A Registry of the Tenants' Leases would greatly assist in ascertaining the Boundaries; especially as by an Order of the Court of Castle Chamber, 15th February 1611, the Sheriffs of Dublin are prohibited from arresting or attaching in said Liberty, except for Felony or Treason.
100.	Register of Kilmainham Liberties.	In Register's private Office.	Attested Copy of King John's Charter of the Liberties of Kilmainham to the Knights Templars; Files of Affidavits, Warrants, Attachments, Appearances, Bail Pieces Declarations in Debt and Assumpsit, Pleas, Venires, Distringases, Issues, and Verdicts, from 1805; also, Books of Hearing of Summonses for Debts under 5 *l.*	In good Preservation, and arranged according to the dates and names. No general Catalogues or particular Indexes.	The Register, &c.; whose Fees are regulated by the length, &c. of the Copies.	The Books of Hearing of Summonses, from 1779 to 1782, refer to others long before lost; particularly to a Book of 1747, mentioning the Names and Numbers of Attornies then practising in the Court.
	Ulster Province.					
101.	Peace Clerk, County Antrim.	At his Dwelling-house, Ballymena, County Antrim.	Freehold Registries; Affidavits; Qualifications; Lisburn and Randalstoun Borough Books; Registry of Tree Planting; Informations; Indictments, Civil Bill Books; Licences for Arms, Spirit Retailers, &c.	In a good state of Preservation. No Catalogues or Repertories.	A Deputy, with an assistant Clerk. No annual Salary from the Public.	Public Offices at each of the Session-Towns (especially at Carrickfergus, where the Assizes are held) would be of very great public utility.
102.	Town Clerk, Belfast.	At his dwelling-house; but the books in the possession of the Town Major, who retains them at his purchase.	Entries of the public Business of the Town.	Refers to the Town Major.	Town Clerk, who is remunerated by official Fees.	A suggestion, that the Commissioners of Public Records should order the Books to be restored to the present Officer.
103.	Town Clerk, Carrickfergus.	Partly in Deputy's house, partly in Mayor's Office; all private property.	Deeds, &c. of the Corporation, Lists of Aldermen and Town Officers, with other Transactions of the Corporation; Registries of Trees, Freeholds, Arms, Roman Catholic Qualifications.	In good Preservation.	Deputy Town Clerk, whose annual Salary is 7*l.* 10*s.* from the Corporation.	The Corporation Deeds, &c. preserved in the Town Chest, with three locks; and the other Records in the Deputy Town Clerk's custody.
104.	Peace Clerk, County Armagh.	In Peace Clerk's house, but shortly expected to be removed to the new County Court House.	Examinations, Indictments, Recognizances; Copies of Manerial Grants; Session Proceedings; Licences for Arms, Spirit Retailers; Qualification Affidavits of Catholics, &c.	In good Preservation for fifty years back. Arranged alphabetically, but no Indexes or Repertories.	A Clerk in constant attendance, who is intrusted with the Records, and paid by Peace Clerk.	The Catholic Lists are annually sent up to the Rolls Office, Dublin. The place allotted for the Records is on the second floor under the Grand Jury room, and over their kitchen. As there are not apartments for the Officer and his Clerk, he does not consider himself answerable for the Records.

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III.—COURTS OF JUSTICE—*continued.*

	REPOSITORY, or Principal Officer.	Situation, Condition; Whether Public or Private PROPERTY.	GENERAL CONTENTS.	State of Preservation and Arrangement; and, Whether INDEXED, &c.	Number, Duty, and Remuneration of Officers.	OBSERVATIONS or MEASURES suggested in RETURNS.
	INFERIOR COURTS—ULSTER PROVINCE—*continued.*					
105.	Register of Armagh.	In Register's House.	The Laws of said Corporation; Borough Cesses; Oaths of Officers, of Corporation Juries, and of Overseers of the Market, &c. &c.	In a good state of Preservation; no general Repertory or Index.	Duty done by Register alone. Has a Salary of 5*l.* only, from the Corporation; no Fees.	None.
106.	Portrieve of Charlemont.	In Portrieve's Custody.	Entries of Proceedings of the Portrieve and Burgesses, in one Book.	No Return.	Little Duty has been done since the Union.	All the Houses and Buildings in this Borough, and a quantity of adjoining Land, belong to Government.
107.	Peace Clerk, County Cavan.	Town of Cavan; in an Office provided by the County.	Examinations and Indictments; Affidavits, and Registry of Freeholds and Freeholders; Civil Bill Books; Affidavits of Tree Planters, Spirit Retailers, &c. &c. &c.	In good Preservation, and well arranged; and indorsed for the several years, &c.	Peace Clerk; who is remunerated by Fees.	None.
108.	Recorder of Cavan.	——	No Records, &c. in Deputy Recorder's possession.	——	No Duty.	None.
109.	Peace Clerk, County Down.	In an Office attached to the Court House. Secure, but damp.	County and Baronial Books of Freeholders, Downpatrick and Newry Boroughs; Registries of Trees, Arms, Bakers, Blacksmiths; Qualifications; Abstracts of Manor Courts; Patents; Civil Bill Books; Quarter Session Acts; Certificates to Spirit Retailers, and their Bonds, &c.; with Poll Books of the County.	In general in good Preservation. They are arranged in order of time, but have no general Repertory or Index.	The Peace Clerk, and One Clerk. Two more occasionally paid by Officer, who is remunerated by Fees.	A better Office is absolutely necessary, in order to preserve the Freeholders' Affidavits, &c. from being destroyed by damp. Many Records destroyed or lost before the present Peace Clerk came into office. The Registry Act requires great amendment; as it costs this Officer, for a Transcript of Freeholders' Registries, 2*s.* 6*d.* for every 100 names, more than allowed by the Statute.
110.	Borough of Hillsborough.	Record sent to Dublin, after the Union.	No other Records than a Book, containing Entries of Officers' Elections, and other Borough Acts.	No Return.	No Return.	These Books were sent to Dublin, for the purpose of being shewn to the Commissioners of disfranchised Boroughs, and have not been returned.
111.	Manor of Dromore.	——	No Records.	——	——	The Coroners make Returns to the Assizes, and superior Courts of their Inquisitions.
112.	Peace Clerk, County Donegal.	In a private House at Lifford, paid for by the County.	County and Baronial Registries of Freeholders; Qualification Books; Timber Planting Affidavits; Registries of Fire Arms, of qualifying Militia Officers; with Crown and Civil Bill Books, Oaths at Elections, &c.	In a good state of Preservation; some arranged in alphabetical, and some in successive order. Catalogues and Calendars complete, in general.	The Office is jointly held by Two Clerks of the Peace, who pay an Under Clerk. They are remunerated by Fees, according to Act 49 Geo. III. c. 101.	None.
113.	Peace Clerk, County Fermanagh.	A Room in Court House of Enniskillen.	Informations, Recognizances, Bills of Indictment; Affidavits of Freeholders, and as to Arms, Trees, Bakers, &c. with licensed Retailers' Bonds, &c.	Records since 1780, are in a good state of Preservation, and severally arranged, according as the Acts direct.	Peace Clerk performs the duty. Has 20*l.* Salary, with Fees as the Act directs.	In 1780, the Office and Records consumed by Fire.
114.	Recorder of Enniskillen.	Books kept in Provost's House.	Book of the Proceedings of the Corporation, in electing Officers; Recovery of Small Debts, as far as £. 3. 6. 8.; with the Corporation Charter from James I. in 1612.	All in good condition; the Books numbered, but without correct Index	Recorder attends: Remunerated by Fees.	The old Town Hall having been thrown down, and a new one not yet completely finished, Accounts, Books, &c. are in Provost's House. The original Charter is in the Rolls Office.
115.	Peace Clerk, County and City of Londonderry.	In his own Dwelling-house.	Affidavits of registering Freeholders, County and Baronial Registry, Roman Catholic Qualification Rolls, Books of Quarter Sessions, Grand Jury Presentments, Indictments at Sessions, Recognizances, Registry, Civil Bill Books, Certificates and Bonds for Spirit Retailers and Publicans, Commissions of the Peace, Militia Officers' Qualifications, &c.	In good Preservation. Freeholders Books alphabetically arranged and numbered.	Duty performed by himself and his Clerk, at £. 50. per annum. Fee for Crown Business, 1*s.* 8*d.* Customary Fee for any other Search, 2*s.* 6*d.*	It would be desirable to have the Public Records lodged in Public Buildings, to prevent inconveniences on the removal of Officers; and in the intended Court House there should be an Apartment for that purpose. Quarter Session Grand Jury Presentments have ceased since 1773, and are now made at Assizes.

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TABULAR DIGEST of the several Returns of Officers or Keepers of Record Repositories—*continued.*

III.—COURTS OF JUSTICE—*continued.*

	REPOSITORY, or Principal Officer.	Situation, Condition; Whether Public or Private PROPERTY.	GENERAL CONTENTS.	State of Preservation and Arrangement; and, Whether INDEXED, &c.	Number, Duty, and Remuneration of Officers.	OBSERVATIONS or MEASURES suggested in RETURNS.
	INFERIOR COURTS—Ulster Province—*continued.*					
116.	Town Clerk of Londonderry.	—	—	—	No Salary or Emolument of any kind.	The Corporation of the City of Derry is a Close one, and all the City Records are kept by the Chamberlain, who ever has held the custody of them.
117.	Chamberlain of Londonderry.	In Chamberlain's House. Private property.	Corporation Charter of Charles II. enrolled 12th year of his reign, with their Acts and Proceedings.	In good order, and preserved in an Iron Chest.	Chamberlain performs the duties, without Salary or Fees from the Public.	None.
118.	Coroner of Coleraine.	No Public Office.	An Account of the several Inquests held on Persons who have met with sudden or accidental deaths.	No Return.	Performs the duty, at the Fee of 13*s.* 4*d.* allowed by the Act, for each Inquest. No Salary.	The Records of those Deaths are forwarded to the Crown Clerk for the North West Circuit of Ulster, at the Londonderry Assizes. The Fees of Office being but 2*l.* per annum on an average, is given as a reason of his not keeping a Public Office or Clerk.
119.	Peace Clerk, County Monaghan.	In a good Room in his own House, for which the County allows 6*l.* 16*s.* 6*d.*	Crown and Civil Bill Books; Alphabetic Books of Catholic Qualifications; Registry of Trees, of Arms, and of Freeholders; Magistrates' Returns of Examinations; Recognizances, and Indictments thereon; a Book of Deputy Governors Names; Qualifications for Militia Officers; Spirit retailing Licences, and for Smiths, and the Sale of Gunpowder; with the Number, Age, and Size, of the Militia Men in each Parish.	Since 1794 in good Preservation and well arranged, but have no particular Repertory or Indexes.	A Deputy performs the duty, and is remunerated by Fees, which on an average of the last 3 years, do not exceed Three Pounds per annum.	None.
120.	Peace Clerk, County Tyrone.	In his House, a mile and half from Dungannon. Private property.	Books, Rolls, and Files of various Affidavits, as of Freeholders, Tree Planters, Roman Catholic Qualifications, &c. and of Licences for Arms, for Spirit Retailers, for Smiths; Qualifications of County Governors, Magistrates, Commissions, &c.; Civil Bill Books; Bail Bonds, Examinations, Decrees, &c.	In a good state of Preservation since 1796; and all either Numerically, Alphabetically, Baronially, or Sessionally, entered or labelled.	Duties performed by a confidential Clerk, at 70*l.* per Annum: 100*l.* is annually presented by the County; and the annual Fees are 300*l.*; out of which the Principal pays the Clerk, Rent of Offices, and Carriage Expenses, amounting to 200*l.* per annum.	It is suggested, that there should be a Public Office in the County Town; and also for Sessions, in each of the Baronies; the Office made independent of other employments, and a safe well-guarded conveyance procured for the Records from town to town, &c.
121.	Recorder of Strabane.	At the Recorder's House. Private property.	Corporation Charter 10 Jas. I.; a Book of Bye Laws, and of Provost and Borough Officers Election; and Proceedings in the Borough Court.	In a perfect state of Preservation, and entire; but being so few, no necessity for Indexes.	Recorder performs duty, being that of attending with Records on Provost and Burgesses, &c.	None.
122.	Seneschal of Dungannon.	Office in Seneschal's House.	Seneschal's Court Book, containing Acts and Proceedings in the Manor Court.	No Return.	—	No Records given in charge to present Seneschal; he lodges an Abstract of Proceedings with the Peace Clerk, which are deposited with the County Records.
			Leinster Province.			
123.	Peace Clerk, County Carlow.	In a House in Carlow. Private property.	Rolls of Indictments, Civil Bill and Crown Books; Affidavits of Registering Freeholders, Tree Planters, Bakers, Fire Arms, Militia Officers, Blacksmiths, Turnpike Road Repairers, and licensed Publicans' Certificates.	In a good state of Preservation; in Presses, alphabetically arranged according to Baronies. No general Index or Repertory.	Officer attends, with the assistance of an under Clerk at 20*l.* Official Fees, on an average, 300*l.* per annum.	The Affidavits of the Freeholders, prior to 1802, were conveyed away by the then dismissed Deputy Peace Clerk; which shews the absolute necessity of a fixed and Public Office for such valuable Documents.

TABULAR DIGEST of the several Returns of OFFICERS or KEEPERS of RECORD REPOSITORIES—*continued.*

III.—COURTS OF JUSTICE—*continued.*

	REPOSITORY, or Principal Officer.	Situation, Condition; Whether Public or Private PROPERTY.	GENERAL CONTENTS.	State of Preservation and Arrangement; and, Whether INDEXED, &c.	Number, Duty, and Remuneration of Officers.	OBSERVATIONS or MEASURES suggested in RETURNS.
	INFERIOR COURTS—LEINSTER PROVINCE—*continued.*					
124.	Serjeants of Mace of Carlow.	—	No Records.	—	—	None.
125.	Peace Clerk, and Register to Assistant Barrister, for County Kildare.	In Offices provided by the County, in Naas and Athy.	Examinations and Indictments, Affidavits and Registry Books of Freeholders, Civil Bill Books, with Affidavits for renewing Decrees at Sessions.	In a safe good state; arranged either in separate bundles, and labelled and indorsed according to the years, or in alphabetical order.	Peace Clerk performs the duties.	None.
126.	Sovereign of Athy.	In Sovereign's House.	Election Entries of the Burgesses, Corporation Officers, Freemen, and Law Proceedings for Small Debts, and other Corporate Acts.	In good Preservation, and distinct Annual arrangements. No Repertories or Indexes.	The Sovereign only entrusted with care of Records; and there is neither Salary nor Fees.	The MS. Records before 1738, are in the Duke of Leinster's custody, and considered His Grace's private property.
127.	Peace Clerk, County Kilkenny.	Office attached to Peace Clerk's Dwelling House; paid for by the County, but private property.	Freeholders' Registries; Presentments, and the Affidavits; Session Grand Jury Books; Bundles and Rolls of Examinations and Indictments, Lists of Tree Planters, and of Allegiance and Qualification Oaths; Bail Bonds, Certificates to Spirit Retailers, Civil Bill Books, with County and Baronial Maps.	Now well preserved, and regularly kept. No Repertory or Index.	Peace Clerk attends duties, with two subordinate Clerks paid by himself. The Fees are regulated by Statute.	On the death of his Predecessor, they were thrown in confusion by his Landlord into a room, and many must have been lost; he therefore advises Duplicates of the Business done, to be lodged annually in the Registry Office Dublin.
128.	Peace Clerk, City of Kilkenny.	In Peace Clerk's House. Private property.	Bills of Indictment, with Proceedings thereon; Protestants and Catholics Qualification Oaths; Certificates and Affidavits of Persons taking the Sacraments; Registries of Trees, Freeholds, Arms, and Bakers, with Bonds of Spirit Retailers, &c.	In good Preservation. Bills of Indictment are entered in successive Sessions; the rest are alphabetically arranged, but have no general Index.	The Peace Clerk is the only Person entrusted with the custody of the Records, and is remunerated by the usual Fees.	Commodious Presses are absolutely necessary for the arrangement of the Records.
129.	Town Clerk of Kilkenny.	In Town Clerk's House. Private property.	City Charter granted 7th James I.; Books of Corporation Proceedings from 1656 to the present time (except from 1687 to 1690;) Qualification Rolls; with Pleadings and Proceedings of the City Record Court; with several Records as Peace Clerk.	In a reasonably good state of preservation, considering their antiquity; and tolerably well arranged; but no Catalogues or Indexes.	Town Clerk has the custody of the Records. The Fees are regulated by 49th of the King.	It is considered that it would be most beneficial to the Inhabitants, if the Stamp Duty for the admission of Attornies into the Courts was but 3 *l.* instead of 20 *l.* as it would prevent suing for small sums in the Superior Courts; and if the Certioraris had a 5 *l.* instead of a 1 *l.* Stamp, with Counsel's Certificate, and the Attorney's Oath, that it was not for delay. It appears by the Corporation Charter of 7 Jas. I. that the Mayor and Recorder can hold Pleas, real, personal, and mixed, to any amount, by Writ or Bail, &c. Saving the right of the Portrieve of the late Borough, the Clerkship of the Peace and of the Town are by the Charter to go together.
130.	Portrieve of Irishtown.	In custody of Portrieve, or Bishop of Ossory.	Two Books, comprising a regular Account of Proceedings of the Corporation, from 1718 to the present time.	In good Preservation, and regularly arranged; but without Repertory or Index.	Duty usually performed by the Portrieve, under the direction of the Bishop of Ossory.	None.
131.	Borough of Callan.	—	The Corporation Book, containing a regular Entry of the Names of the Burgesses, Freemen, and of their Proceedings at Elections, &c.	No Return.	No Return.	The Book is not kept in the Town, but by Lord Callan's Agent.
132.	Assistant Barrister for King's County.	—	Refers to Peace Clerk's Return.	—	—	It is suggested, that all the Records should be written on Parchment; and that the Books containing alphabetical Lists of the Records should be bound, and a Duplicate of each lodged with another Officer.

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TABULAR DIGEST of the several Returns of OFFICERS or KEEPERS of RECORD REPOSITORIES—*continued.*

III.—COURTS OF JUSTICE—*continued.*

	REPOSITORY, or Principal Officer.	Situation, Condition; Whether Public or Private PROPERTY.	GENERAL CONTENTS.	State of Preservation and Arrangement; and, Whether INDEXED, &c.	Number, Duty, and Remuneration of Officers.	OBSERVATIONS or MEASURES suggested in RETURNS.
	INFERIOR COURTS—LEINSTER PROVINCE—*continued.*					
133.	Peace Clerk, King's County.	In Offices in Birr and Philipstown. Private property.	Examinations, Indictments, Recognizances; Affidavits of Tree Planters, Freeholders, qualifying Catholics, qualifying Militia Officers, of Persons qualifying for Arms; Returns of Seneschals; Acts at Manor Courts; with the Civil Bill Books, &c.	In a good, safe, and perfect state. Some in parcels tied up and labelled. Affidavits in alphabetical order; Entries of Tree Planters in numerical order; and Civil Bill Books severally indorsed with the date. No Repertory or Index.	Deputy Peace Clerk has the care of the Records. No Salary, but Fees according to the 49th of the King.	The Assistant Barrister suggests the propriety of the Records of all descriptions being on Parchment, and a Duplicate of each to be lodged with some proper Officer, as at present there is no check on those who have them in their custody.
134.	Peace Clerk, County Longford.	In a private House in Longford, for which County pays 10*l.* per Ann. and the Peace Clerk an additional Rent.	A Parchment Roll of Roman Catholic Qualifications; Affidavits of Timber Planters, of Freeholders; Examinations returned by Magistrates; Recognizances; Bills of Indictment found, Bail Bonds for keeping the Peace, Spirit Licence Bonds, Deputy Governors' Commissions, Militia Officers' Qualifications, Crown and Civil Books, &c.	In a good state of Preservation; some in bundles for each Session, some in alphabetical, others in numerical order; but without any general Catalogue or Index.	A Deputy attends, and is remunerated by Fees.	The Records were handed to present Officer in a mutilated state.
135.	Peace Clerk, County Louth.	In his House in Dublin, as there is no Office allowed by the County.	Files of Indictments, with Informations annexed; as also a Crown Book; Files of Recognizances of Freeholders, of Persons keeping Arms, of Timber Planters, of qualified Roman Catholics, of Affidavits for renewing Decrees, of Spirit Retailers, of Appeals, &c.	All Records since 1794 are in good preservation, and so alphabetically arranged as to be easily referred to.	Peace Clerk has the sole management of the Records, which he is obliged to take from Dublin to the several Sessions. He is remunerated by Fees.	The Officer conceives that there ought to be a Public Office in each of the Session Towns, Dundalk, Ardee, and Drogheda, where the Records should be deposited; for his Predecessor quitted the Kingdom without delivering up any of them, and died abroad. The business is so weighty, and the Emoluments so inadequate, that he conceives he ought to be enabled to keep an Assistant.
136.	Town Clerk of Drogheda.	Partly in Town Clerk's Office, and partly in the Tholsel, which is Public property.	Corporation Acts at General, Quarter, and other Assemblies; various Charters of Drogheda, with Entries of the Elections, Admissions and swearing into Office of the Mayors, Sheriffs, Recorders, Burgesses, Officers and Commons, &c. of the Corporation.	For the most part in good Preservation, & well arranged. No Calendars, Catalogues, or Indexes.	The Town Clerk is paid £.13. 6. 8. by Corporation, and has also Fees of Office. He and his Deputy constantly attend.	The Mayor of the Staple of Drogheda is stated, in a distinct Return from Mr. Medcalf, to have no Records in his custody; the Queries were sent to the Town Clerk for Answers, he being considered as the only Keeper of Records in Drogheda.
137.	Peace Clerk, Town of Drogheda.	Partly in the Peace Clerk's own Office, and partly in an Office at the Tholsel, which is Public property.	Examinations, Informations, Indictments; with Presentments of Grand Juries, and Queries to them; Petit Jurors Verdicts, Recognizances, Certificates of Qualifications, Crown Books, Bonds of Spirit Retailers and Pawnbrokers, Rules of Charitable or Friendly Societies, &c.	In general in good preservation, and regularly arranged according to their dates, but some are injured by time. No Catalogue or Index.	Duties performed by Officer and a Deputy: He is remunerated by Fees, with £.2. 15. for acquitted persons; 50 guineas the annual amount.	Any chasm or deficiency in these Records (if any) was caused, as Town Clerk believes, by an accidental Fire in 1798, in the Tholsel of Drogheda, where a Military Guard had been placed.
138.	Borough of Dundalk.	In Lord Roden's Office.	The Books and Records of the Corporation.	No Return.	No Return.	Lord Roden alone has the Patronage of the Borough.
139.	Peace Clerk, County Meath.	In a Parlour of a private House in Trim, paid for by the County.	Rolls of qualifying Protestants, of qualifying Roman Catholics, Deputy Governors, Militia Officers, Constables sworn into Office, Jury Inquisitions and Judgments of the Boyne Navigation Company; Files of Affidavits of Bakers, Tree Planters, and as to Arms, Blacksmiths Forges, Road Repairers, &c.; County Elections, and Sessional Proceedings; Crown and Civil Bill Books; Registries of Freeholders; Certificates of Spirit Retailers; and Copies of the Patents for holding Manor Courts.	In good Preservation, and classed according to their respective Titles, in Presses. All the Books are complete. Indexes and Catalogues to the respective Records to which they refer.	Peace Clerk and a Deputy, whom he pays; and who is also remunerated by Fees, not exceeding, on an average, 30*l.* per annum.	As the Roman Catholic Qualification Rolls must at the end of each year (by 13th, 14th, and 33d of the King) be returned to the Rolls Office Dublin, great delay arises at Elections; for if the Certificate has not been taken out, or be lost, recourse must be had to Dublin: He therefore suggests, either that an attested Copy only of the Roll should be sent up, or that an Alphabetical List from it should be evidence. As to the Affidavits of Freeholders, he advises separate Files for each Barony; and also that the Imperial Statutes should be bound, and not be scattered at the different Post Offices.

TABULAR DIGEST of the several Returns of OFFICERS or KEEPERS of RECORD REPOSITORIES—*continued.*

III.—COURTS OF JUSTICE—*continued.*

	REPOSITORY, or Principal Officer.	Situation, Condition; Whether Public or Private PROPERTY.	GENERAL CONTENTS.	State of Preservation and Arrangement; and, Whether INDEXED, &c.	Number, Duty, and Remuneration of Officers.	OBSERVATIONS or MEASURES suggested in RETURNS.
	INFERIOR COURTS—LEINSTER PROVINCE—*continued.*					
140.	Town Clerk of Trim.	In a Parlour in a private House in Trim, paid for by the County.	Counterparts of Corporation Leases; Books of the Election and Admission of Portrieves, Burgesses, and Freemen, and other Proceedings of the Corporation Assemblies.	In good Preservation; arranged under their respective heads. No Catalogues or Indexes.	Duties executed by Town Clerk in person: Remunerated by Fees.	None.
141.	Recorder. of Kells.	In the custody of the Recorder.	The Records of the Borough consist of its Charter and Corporation Book.	The Records are in the best state of Preservation.	No Return.	The Marquis of Headfort the Recorder.
142.	Peace Clerk, Queen's County.	In Rooms in his own House, and paid for by the County.	County and Baronial Books of Freeholders; Book of qualifying Catholics; Civil Bills, and Crown Prosecutions; Militia Officers' Qualifications; Manor Charters, and Returns of Proceedings; Publicans Names; and Registries of Fire Arms, Smiths' Forges, and Timber Planters.	In alphabetical order, and numerically arranged. In general in perfect Preservation, and references are made without any inconvenience.	A Deputy attends; paid by Peace Clerk, who receives the Fees of Office, about 300*l.* per annum.	The Walls of an Office are in considerable progress, and intended to be arched, and soon finished.
143.	Town Clerk of Maryborough.	In the Town Clerk's custody, along with a Silver Mace, for there is no Building, either public or private, for them.	Three Sheets of Parchment, containing the Oaths of the Burgo Master, Bailiff, Freemen, &c.; with three MS. Books, containing Entries of Election of Members of Parliament, of Magistrates, and the Admission of Freemen; as also the Bye Laws, and a copy of the Charter.	The most ancient of the Books have lost some pages. No Index or Catalogue.	Is appointed by the Burgo-Master, and has no Salary or Fees.	The endeavours to monopolize the Borough, and the successful Party keeping whatever Papers he gets possession of, are stated to be the causes of the Documents being so few.
144.	Sovereign of Portarlington.	In the Sovereign's custody.	The Book containing the private business of the Corporation, and its Charter Days Transactions.	No Return.	No Return.	There is not any Court of Record, or Jurisdiction Civil or Criminal, belonging to this Corporation by Charter or otherwise.
145.	Peace Clerk, County Westmeath.	In a private House in Mullingar, paid for by the County.	Examinations, Indictments, and Recognizances; Files and Books of Affidavits of Freeholders, Tree Planters, qualifying Roman Catholics, qualifying Militia Officers, Deputy Governors, and of Manerial Proceedings; as also Civil Bill Books, and Affidavits for renewing Decrees.	In a state of perfect Preservation. Files tied up in parcels, and labelled. Books either in alphabetical or numerical order. No Repertories or Indexes.	The Officers and their Deputies or Clerks perform the Duties, and receive official Fees, according to the Statute of 49 Geo. III. entitled The Assizes Fee Bill.	The Return from this Office is made by two Persons acting jointly.
146.	Town Clerk of Athlone.	In Town Clerk's House.	Books of Entries of Corporate Proceedings since 1698-9.	In good Preservation, and arranged in annual order; but without Catalogues or Indexes.	He performs the Duties at a Salary of 10*l.* per annum from the Corporation.	None.
147.	Peace Clerk, County Wexford.	In an Office in a private House at Enniscorthy, rented by the Peace Clerk.	County and Baronial Poll Books, and of Freeholders' Names, qualifying Roman Catholics, Tree Planters, Fire Arms, Spirit Licences, Crown and Civil Bill Books, Extracts from Manor Courts, Patents, &c.	These Records, since 1800, are quite perfect, and without any defect.	The Officer and one confidential Clerk attend and perform the Duties. The Net official Fees £.134. 4. 4. after deducting Clerk's Salary, Rent, Stationary, and Travelling Expenses.	A well secured, fixed, and Public Office, is absolutely necessary, as the Records prior to the year 1800 were mostly destroyed in the Rebellion of 1798; and his Predecessor retained what he had, till legally evicted by the unanimous decision of the Court of King's Bench in 1809.
148.	Town Clerk of Wexford.	In Town Clerk's own House.	A Book, containing a Registry of the Proceedings of the Corporation since the Rebellion in 1798, when the former Records were lost or destroyed.	The Corporation Book is in a good state of Preservation.	Town Clerk acts, at a small Salary paid him by the Corporation.	By the Charter of 7 James I. the Corporation has jurisdiction over all Pleas, real, personal, or mixt, and to any amount; but as in the Rebellion of 1798 the entire of the Documents were destroyed, little has been done here since; and therefore the Officer thinks, Copies of the Practice in Dublin, and Proceedings in similar Courts or other Corporate Towns, would be of public utility.

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III.—COURTS OF JUSTICE—*continued.*

	REPOSITORY, or Principal Officer.	Situation, Condition; Whether Public or Private PROPERTY.	GENERAL CONTENTS.	State of Preservation and Arrangement; and, Whether INDEXED, &c.	Number, Duty, and Remuneration of Officers.	OBSERVATIONS or MEASURES suggested in RETURNS.
	INFERIOR COURTS—LEINSTER PROVINCE—*continued.*					
149.	Town Clerk of New Ross.	In Town Clerk's House.	Some Documents relative to Suits, &c. depending in the Record Court of Ross previously to the Rebellion of 1798, found amongst the Papers of his Predecessor, who was then murdered.	Unarranged; as the Officer found them in the Office of his Predecessor.	No Return.	For several years past there has not been any Record business transacted in the Court at Ross; therefore the Officer conceives that no utility would result to the Public from completing the Records.
150. & 151.	Peace Clerk, County Wicklow.	In an Office in Wicklow, rented by Peace Clerk.	Books relating to Criminal and Civil Proceedings; Registry of Freeholders, of Persons keeping Arms, of planting Trees, of Bakers, qualifying Magistrates, Militia Officers, of Licences to Publicans, for Sale of Gunpowder; Manor and Court Leet Proceedings, &c.	These Records are in a tolerably perfect state, and regular order. To some there are Indexes, to others there are labels affixed; while others are numbered according to their dates.	Peace Clerk and Deputy attend Sessions, and arrange the Records. The County presents 20*l.* per annum as a Salary, with other sums for Fees, at their discretion.	The Assistant Barrister observes in his Return, that the Presses are too small, and in bad condition; that a secure public Place is much wanted, and an Officer in attendance at all times, as the Peace Clerk lives in Dublin.
152.	Portrieve of Wicklow.	In the custody of the Portrieve for the time being.	Original Charter of James Ist. The first Corporation Book, commencing 1659 and ending in 1707; the second, from 1708 to 1762; the third, from 1762 to the present time. A Book, the greater part of which is a Court Record; and two Court Books, from 1732 to 1808.	Some of these Books are not in good order; others are both regular and complete.	No ascertained Fees for examining the Books.	None.
153.	Town Clerk of Baltinglass.	—	He does not acknowledge that he has any Records in his possession, either as to Borough or Church business.	—	—	None.
			Munster Province.			
154.	Peace Clerk, County Clare.	In a private House in Ennis.	Crown Books, Recognisances before Magistrates, Jury Issues, and Sheriffs Precepts and Pannels, Civil Bill Books, Affidavits on renewing Decrees, Appeal Recognizances; Files of the Registry of Freeholders, both County and Baronial; Rolls of Qualifying Roman Catholics; Spirit Retailers' Bonds; Insolvent Debtors' Affidavits, and as to Tree Planting, Arms, and of Bakers and Smiths, &c.	In good Preservation; arranged and labelled according to dates, and some in alphabetical order. No Index or Catalogue.	Peace Clerk, with two Assistant Clerks. No Salary, but Fees as regulated by the 49th Geo. III.	None.
155.	Peace Clerk, County Cork.	A small inconvenient Room in the New Court House, on the ground floor.	Crown Books, Capias Books; Informations, Recognizances, Indictments; Freehold Registry Affidavits; and Entries of Qualifying Catholics, Tree Planters, of Arms, Publicans, Forges, Manufactories; Attested Copies of Manor Court Patents; Qualifications of Militia Officers, Deputy Governors; with Civil Bill and Renewal Books.	Previously to 1794 the Records were much injured by a flood. Some are kept in boxes of 10 years each, and others arranged on shelves alphabetically, & all numerically labelled; but no general Index or Repertory.	The duties of Clerk of the Peace and Crown being vested in same person, he at his own expense employs two Deputies, and two Clerks for the general duties. Official Fees regulated by the 49th Geo. III.	As the Records were heretofore flooded from their being below the level of the street, and as their present situation is both small and inconvenient, so much so that they are heaped one upon another, a dry and convenient commodious Office is absolutely necessary.
156.	Peace Clerk, City of Cork.	In an inconvenient Room over the Public Office, which is also the Crown and City Office. Private property.	Informations, Indictments, Jury Lists and Findings, a Capias and Court Book, Affidavits for Registering Freeholders, Recognizances, Bonds of Licensed Publicans, and Rolls of Qualifications.	Records for 20 years back are well preserved, and regularly arranged; but for want of room, are heaped together over each other. No general Catalogue or Index.	No Person specially charged with care of Records, but a Clerk, who attends the Office, and receives the Fees allowed by the Stat. of the 49th of the King.	The same Observations as mentioned in the foregoing Return; and further, that no Recompence whatever is allowed for the additional trouble which the Recorder or his Deputy are put to, by reason of the Judges of Assize having directed that all Indictments for Misdemeanors should be tried at the Court of Quarter Sessions held every Monday.

TABULAR DIGEST of the several Returns of OFFICERS or KEEPERS of RECORD REPOSITORIES—*continued.*

III.—COURTS OF JUSTICE—*continued.*

	REPOSITORY, or Principal Officer.	Situation, Condition; Whether Public or Private PROPERTY.	GENERAL CONTENTS.	State of Preservation and Arrangement; and, Whether INDEXED, &c.	Number, Duty, and Remuneration of Officers.	OBSERVATIONS or MEASURES suggested in RETURNS.
	INFERIOR COURTS—MUNSTER PROVINCE—*continued.*					
157.	Town Clerk of City of Cork.	The Records are kept in a very inconvenient small Room. Private property.	Court Records, comprehending Proceeding in Civil Suits, with the several Pleadings; Corporation Records, and Books of the City Valuation, commencing regularly in 1690, previously to which there are chasms.	Records for the last 20 years in a tolerable state of Preservation; with the Files rolled up and labelled according to the years, and kept mostly in Boxes; some in heaps, for want of room. No general Index or Repertory.	A Clerk attends; has not any Salary from the Public; nor is any Fee demanded for Searches.	Not aware of any utility in completing Catalogues, &c. If a proper Place was provided, the Records could be better arranged.
158.	Town Clerk of Kinsale.	In Town Clerk's Dwelling House; private property.	The Tholsel Court Records, viz. Rule Books, Writs, Attachments, Affidavits, Declarations, Pleas, &c. General Quarter Sessions Records, viz. Crown Books, and Indictments tried for 20 years past; with Corporation Proceedings entered in the *Council* Book since 1652, to the present time.	The Books are in tolerably good Order, but they are crowded into small drawers, trunks and boxes, or on the floor. Neither Index nor Catalogue.	The Town Clerk attends personally.	A Tholsel Court of Record has been held here from time immemorial for Debts to any amount, and its Maritime Jurisdiction is very extensive; also a Court of General Sessions of the Peace and Goal Delivery as to all Offences not amounting to Transportable *Felony*. A better Office seems absolutely necessary.
159. & 160.	Town Clerk of Youghal.	Partly in the Deputy Town Clerk's House, private property; and partly in the Town Chest.	The Rule Books of the Record or Tholsel Court, with the Crown Book of the Quarter Sessions; Qualification Rolls; Publicans, Corn Merchants, and Bakers Affidavits; certain Inquisitions before Mayor as Coroner; Lord Lieutenant and Council's Certificates of Approbation of Magistrates. The most ancient Records are the Charters and Exemplifications, which are lodged in the Town Chest, and specially intrusted to the Mayor of the Staple and Senior Bailiff.	Those before 1784 are mostly in a state of decay, those from 1798 are in good order and Preservation, generally arranged in order of time. No general Index or Repertory.	The Town Clerk and his Deputy. *6s. 8d.* is charged for each Search. The Clerk is paid 50 *l.* per annum by the Corporation, and is also Clerk of the Peace for the Sessions Court.	Many of these Records were destroyed in 1798, the Court House and Council Chamber having then been converted into a Prison and Guard House. 2,000 *l.* have been granted by the Corporation for a new Court House.
161.	Peace Clerk, County Kerry.	The Records are in shallow Presses, against a damp wall on a ground floor of an Apartment in the Court House; it is Public property.	Sessions Crown Books, and those on the Civil Side; Qualifying Affidavits for Arms, Forges, Freeholds, Tree Planters, Spirits selling; Quere Books; Entries of Insolvent Debtors discharged, Convictions and Appeals under the Game and Spirit Licence Acts.	In good Preservation; and arranged according to their several species. There are 8 Indexes to the Books. An Index of Indicted Persons is the only one wanted; and as great utility would result from it, the Officer intends applying to Grand Jury for Books, and to commence and regularly continue such Index.	The Peace Clerk, Deputy, and a Clerk, perform the Duties. Neither he nor the Public pay any Salary to them: their Emoluments arise from the Fees.	He holds this Place by Patent, as also that of Clerk of the Crown for this County. As both the Criminal and Civil Records are in a very damp and inconvenient situation, a commodious and dry Office is absolutely necessary. The Grand Jury have purchased a Plot of Ground at the rere of the present Office, in order to build additional Offices, and for which the Return states that a sum of Money was to be presented at the next Assizes, the Plans and Estimates of which have been lodged in the Secretary's Office.
162.	Provost of Tralee.	The Records & Common Seal of the Corporation are in the Town Clerk's House. Private property.	Books, of Elections of Members for Parliament, and of the Officers of the Corporation, &c.; also of personal Actions in the Provost's Court.	They are in a good state of Preservation; but no Index or Catalogue.	The Town Clerk, under the control of the Provost, has the custody of the Records, and with the Provost, two Serjeants of Mace, and the Marshal, is remunerated by Office Fees, amounting annually to Provost and Town Clerk 50 *l.* each, the Serjeants 20 *l.* each, and the Marshal 10 *l.* per annum.	A Court, whose Jurisdiction by the Charter extends as far as five Marks, is held weekly. Many Records have been lost or misplaced by the former Town Clerk, who is dead.

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TABULAR DIGEST of the several Returns of Officers or Keepers of Record Repositories—*continued.*

III.—COURTS OF JUSTICE—*continued.*

	REPOSITORY, or Principal Officer.	Situation, Condition; Whether Public or Private PROPERTY.	GENERAL CONTENTS.	State of Preservation and Arrangement; and, Whether INDEXED, &c.	Number, Duty, and Remuneration of Officers.	OBSERVATIONS or MEASURES suggested in RETURNS.
	INFERIOR COURTS—Munster Province—*continued.*					
163.	Peace Clerk, County Limerick.	In his own Dwelling-house. Private property.	Affidavits of Registry of Freeholders, of Allegiance by Roman Catholics, of Qualifications to keep Arms, of Forges, Tree Planting; Certificates and Bonds of Spirit Retailers; with the Civil and Crown Session Books.	In good Preservation; and arranged, some on Shelves, others in Presses; but no Index or Catalogue.	Peace Clerk attends the duties, with one or more Clerks. The Fees for Searches do not amount to 20*l.* a year.	The Annual Amount of Peace Clerk's Expenses about 150*l.*; besides 30*l.* per Annum for a Clerk for Arrangement, &c.
164.	Peace Clerk, City Limerick.	In the Exchange, the property of the Corporation, and quite secure.	Sessions Crown Books; Affidavits of Corn Buyers, Bakers, Freeholders; Licences to keep Arms, Forges; and Bonds of Spirit Retailers.	In good Preservation, and on Files; alphabetically inserted in Books, but no Index or Catalogue.	Peace Clerk attends; with a Clerk at 20*l.* per annum. Cannot ascertain the Fees.	None.
165.	Town Clerk of Limerick.	In the Exchange. Corporation property, and perfectly secure.	Common Council Books; Tholsel Rule Books; and of Tolls setting, &c.; Oaths of Officers, as per Charter.	In good Preservation; arranged and on Files, but no Index or Catalogue.	Town Clerk attends; with a Clerk at 20*l.* per annum. Cannot ascertain the Fees.	None.
166.	Borough of Askeaton.	—	No Records.	—	—	—
167.	Peace Clerk, CountyTipperary.	In a Building attached to Court House. Public property.	Civil Bill Books; Quarter Sessions Crown Book; County and Barony Registry Books of Freeholders; Election Poll Books; Affidavits of Tree Planters, of Qualification to keep Arms, and of Allegiance.	In good Preservation, regularly arranged in Presses, according to each year and Sessions, but no Index or Catalogue.	A Deputy performs the duties. The Fees of Office are so fluctuating, that no account has been kept of them.	None.
168.	Town Clerk of Clonmell.	In Town Clerk's own Residence.	Actions and Attachments, with Returns, Affidavits, Attornies Warrants, Declarations, Pleas, Venires, &c.; Final Judgments and Executions, with other Proceedings of the Tholsel Court, similar to the Superior Courts, and stamped.	In the best possible state of Preservation; arranged in Alphabetical order, and easy of access; with complete Indexes.	Town Clerk performs the duties, and receives the usual Fees.	As the Mayor can determine only sums under Ten Shillings, and as the Town has greatly increased, the extending of the jurisdiction in a summary way to 20*s.* or 30*s.* would be very beneficial to Traders and the Public; whereas at present there is great delay and much expense if above 10*s.* The Mayor or Chamberlain has the custody of the Charter, Deeds, &c. of the Corporation. A fixed Office is much wanted.
169.	Town Clerk of Cashel.	Kept at Town Clerk's House.	Three Manuscript Books, containing the Proceedings in the Tholsel Court; with Affidavits, Powers of Attorney, Attachments, Declarations, Pleas, &c.	Unarranged, and no Index or Catalogue.	Town Clerk attends the duties, at a Salary of 12*l.* per annum.	As Civil Bills are now tried at the Sessions, the business of this Court has considerably diminished.
170.	Peace Clerk, Waterford County.	At his House in Waterford. Private property.	Sessions Crown Books; County and Baronial Freehold Registries; with Files of original Affidavits as to Trees, Arms, Spirit Licences, Forges, Catholics, of Deputy Governors', and Militia Officers' Qualifications; Registry of Householders of Dungarvan, Tallow, and Lismore Boroughs; Deputy Aulnager's Return of Cloths; with Civil Bill and Renewal Books, &c.	Some Books are in Alphabetical order. There is no other Index or Repertory.	The Deputy and his Clerk perform all the duties, and receive the usual Fees; of which no account has been kept.	The Custos Rotulorum of this County made a similar Return.
171.	Peace Clerk, City Waterford.	In Offices, the Peace Clerk's private property.	Crown Books; County and Baronial Freehold Registries; Affidavits of Tree Planters, Qualifying Catholics, Corn Merchants, and as to Arms, Forges, Publicans, Licences for Carmen; Certificates of having received the Lords Supper; Orders of Justices limiting the number of Public Houses; with Plans, and a Map.	In good Preservation, and generallyarranged. Alphabetical Books. No general Index or Catalogue.	He and his Clerk attend; remunerated by Office Fees.	A commodious, well aired Room, with Alphabets, Presses, and Recesses, is much wanted to preserve the Records from damp, &c. Indexes of Freeholders, and of those who registered their Trees, Arms, and Forges, would be of public utility.

TABULAR DIGEST of the several Returns of OFFICERS or KEEPERS of RECORD REPOSITORIES—*continued.*

III.—COURTS OF JUSTICE—*continued.*

	REPOSITORY, or Principal Officer.	Situation, Condition; Whether Public or Private PROPERTY.	GENERAL CONTENTS.	State of Preservation and Arrangement; and, Whether INDEXED, &c.	Number, Duty, and Remuneration of Officers.	OBSERVATIONS or MEASURES suggested in RETURNS.
	INFERIOR COURTS—MUNSTER PROVINCE—*continued.*					
172.	Town Clerk of Waterford.	Kept in Offices built by the Town Clerk.	The City Charter, granted by Charles I.; Corporation Books, from 1669 to this day; Mayors' Drafts on Chamberlains for Money; Rule Books; Lord Lieutenant and Privy Council's approbation of City Magistrates; Bail Pieces; Appearances; Affidavits before issuing Process, according to 36th Geo. III. chap. Valuation of Houses in the City for Lamp and Watch Tax; and an Index of Freemen.	In general well preserved. To the Freemen's Books and Rule Books there are Indexes, but to the other Records there are neither Indexes nor Repertories.	Town Clerk, with a Clerk, paid by himself, transacts the business. His Emoluments arise from the usual Fees, of the annual amount of which no estimate has been hitherto kept.	The Officer is also Clerk of the Peace of the County of the City of Waterford, and makes the same Observations as above stated, but claims the Index of Freemen as his private property.
			Connaught Province.			
174.	Peace Clerk, County of Galway.	In a small inconvenient Room in Loughrea, rented by the County.	Sessions, Crown, and Civil Bill Books; Registries of Leases, and of Indentures of Apprenticeship; of Freeholders, Tree Planters, Spirit Retailers, Persons keeping Arms, Bakers, Smiths Forges, &c.	The Records, previously to the present Peace Clerk's appointment, have suffered from damp; but those of latter years are in pretty good Preservation, and arranged as well as the place will admit. No Index or Catalogue.	He and his Deputy, who is paid by him, and has given security for the safe keeping of the Records; remunerated by Office Fees.	The Books of the Registry of Freeholders, previous to 1805, were not handed over to him by his Predecessor. The place where the Records are is very unsuitable, which arises from the inadequacy of the sums presented by the Grand Jury for Rent.
175.	Peace Clerk, County Leitrim.	In a private House in Carrick on Shannon; insecure, from not being slated.	Informations and Recognizances returned by the County Magistrates; Indictments; estreated Fines and Recognizances; Allegiance and Qualifying Oaths, on Parchment Rolls; Registry of Fire Arms, of Spirit Retailers, of Smiths, Tree Planters, Freeholders, &c.	In a perfect state of Preservation. To the Registries of Freeholders and Tree Planters, there are alphabetical Indexes: to the rest there are neither Calendars nor Indexes.	None but Peace Clerk: Remunerated by Fees regulated by the Statute.	An Index of those who take the Oaths of Allegiance would be of public service. A commodious and well secured Office is much wanted, as the present is inconvenient and insecure; and though the Sessions are held in three different places, yet in two of them there is no Office whatsoever. Manorhamilton district without a public Court House.
176. & 177.	Peace Clerk, County Mayo.	In the Public Office, part of Peace Clerk's private property, and annexed to his Dwelling-house in Castlebar, the most central town of the County.	County and Barony Books of Freeholders and Tree Planters; Deputy Governors and Militia Officers' Qualifications; Poll Books; Affidavits and Qualifications to carry Arms, &c.; Crown and Civil Bill Books, with Qualification Rolls; Manor Court Patents, and Duplicates of their Proceedings; Complaints, Orders, &c. of Rectors of Unions; old County Registry Book of Leases, and Affidavits of Sheriffs at Elections, &c. &c.	In good Preservation; and are arranged in alphabetical order, with correct and complete general Catalogues and Indexes.	The Clerk of the Peace, and a Deputy, paid by him, transact the business: Fees according to the Acts of the 33th, 36th, and 49th of Geo. III.	The Assistant Barrister suggests the propriety of inforcing the legislative Provisions already subsisting in aid of the safety, order, and use of the Public Records, for the benefit and convenience of the Community, in so interesting and important a concern.
178.	Peace Clerk, County of Roscommon.	In a slated Building; secure condition.	Affidavits, and Registries of Freeholders, Qualifications, of Tree Planters, Bakers, Forges, Spirit Retailers' Bonds; Manor Court Proceedings; County, Crown, and Civil Bill Books.	In a good state of Preservation, and arranged in Presses, under their different heads. There are no Indexes or Repertories.	Peace Clerk, with a Deputy at 50*l.* a year and some Perquisites. The Principal is remunerated by usual Fees of Office.	More liberal allowance should be made for fire to keep the Records from damp; and also for making out Copies of the Registry of Freeholders and Poll Books; for what is at present granted would not pay even for the paper, exclusive of trouble.
179.	Recorder of Boyle.	——	None.	——	——	This Return states, that the Borough Book, the only Record belonging to the Corporation of Boyle, being sent up to Dublin at the time of the Union, has been mislaid in some of the Offices.
180.	Peace Clerk, County Sligo.	In his Dwelling-house.	Registry of Freeholders, Tree Planters, Roman Catholics' Qualifications; Criminal Prosecutions; Civil Bills, with their Decrees, Dismisses, Appeals, &c.	Intolerable Preservation for 30 or 40 years past, and in alphabetical order. Indexes and Catalogues are forthcoming.	A Deputy, paid by the Peace Clerk, attends, and is allowed some casual Fees.	None.

TABULAR DIGEST of the several Returns of Officers or Keepers of Record Repositories—*continued.*

III.—COURTS OF JUSTICE—*continued.*

	REPOSITORY, or Principal Officer.	Situation, Condition; Whether Public or Private PROPERTY.	GENERAL CONTENTS.	State of Preservation and Arrangement; and, Whether INDEXED, &c.	Number, Duty, and Remuneration of Officers.	OBSERVATIONS or MEASURES suggested in RETURNS.
	INFERIOR COURTS—Connaught Province—*continued.*					
181.	Town Clerk of Sligo.	In a House in the Town. Private property.	Corporation Election Books, with the Names of the Provost, Burgesses, and the Proceedings in Court since the year 1754.	In perfect Preservation, and entered according to their respective dates. There is no Index or Catalogue.	Town Clerk alone performs the duties, and attends in the Provost's Office. Remunerated by small Fees.	None.
	MARITIME COURT.					
182.	Registry of the Court of Admiralty.	In the Register's House, at Stephens Green.	Two Parchment Rolls of Admissions of Officers; Bail Bonds, pendente Lite, for releasing Persons or Vessels; 26 MS. Rule Books, with Affidavits; Proxies, which are Warrants of Attorney to Proctors; Fiats, Appearances, Notices, Orders to act for Suitors, Allegations, Petitions, Libels, Exceptions, Monitions, Sentences, &c.	Arranged and labelled according to the Years, Parties, and Ships Names. There is an Inventory of all the Papers. No other Catalogue or Index.	The Register, who employs a Clerk at a weekly Salary. The Emoluments arise from Searches, &c. which, deducting Clerks' Salaries, amount to no more than 52 *l.* per annum, and the Clerk's Emoluments no more than 5 *l.* per annum.	There are some Deficiencies, which have arisen from Papers, considered as useless, not having been handed over from Officer to Officer.
	ECCLESIASTICAL COURTS.					
183.	Registry of the Court of Prerogative.	Kept in the Register's House, in Henrietta-street. Private property.	Original Wills, and Copies of same; Entries of Administrations, and Marriage Licences, Pleadings, Depositions; Faculties for Pluralities, and to public Notaries, with Rolls of the Oaths of the latter; and several very ancient Books of Regal Visitations.	In good Preservation; and arranged alphabetically, with the exception of ancient Cause Papers. There are Indexes and Alphabets, suited to public convenience, and not considered defective.	Deputy Register and his Clerks attend. Remunerated by Fees.	The Deputy Ulster at Arms has a Regal Visitation Book. Some Wills delivered out, were never returned. A public central Office, secured from Fire, would be of great public utility.
184.	Examiner of the Court of Prerogative.	The Registry of the Court.	Depositions in Causes at Issue until Publication passes, after which they are deposited in the Register's Office.	None.	None.	Having merely the temporary custody of Depositions, refers, for Answers to the remaining Queries, to the Register.
185.	Registry of the Metropolitan Court of Armagh, for the lower part of the Diocese.	In a safe convenient Building, purposely built by Primate Robinson. Public property.	Wills, original Processes and Pleadings; Registry of Administrations, Marriage and other Licences, Inventories, Renunciations, Administration Bonds; Collations, Presentations; Nomination of Curates, Parish Clerks, and Schoolmasters; Rolls of Oaths; Visitation and Rule Books; Entries of its Acts, Proceedings, and Accounts; Succession, and Installations of its Members, &c.	Arranged in alphabetical or chronological order; but no other Index or Catalogue. The Original Wills, since 1687, are in a good state of Preservation.	The Deputy Register only, who is remunerated by Fees.	Copies, in Books, of the original Wills, with Catalogues and Indexes, would be of great public utility, and less liable to decay. There are 40 Parishes in this part, but no Unions. Very few Returns of Registries of Births, Marriages, and Burials, have been made.
186.	Diocesan Registry of Dublin and Glandelagh.	In Deputy Register's own House, in South King-street, Dublin.	Original Wills, Marriage Licences, and Administration Bonds; original Citations, Monitions, &c.; Pleadings, Exhibits, Interrogatories, Depositions, Sentences, &c.; Inventories, Unions of Benefices; some Transcripts of Wills; Title Books, containing Patents, Collations, &c. to Benefices; Ordination Letters; Caveat and Visitation Books; Canons and Oaths; Conformity Certificates; Fee Leases, and Counterparts; original Maps and Terriers of Glebe Lands; with Registries of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials.	In a good state of Preservation; labelled, and arranged in alphabetical order. There are Indexes to all, except a few of the old Visitation and Rule Books. To all the Wills there is a general Index, completed by the present Deputy.	The Deputy Register and his Clerks. Remunerated by Fees.	It would be highly beneficial to the Public, to have Books set apart for the Copies of the original Wills, and of the Registries of Births, Marriages, and Burials, returned at each Visitation. From the increase of Records, a large public Office, secured from Fire, is much wanted.

TABULAR DIGEST of the several Returns of Officers or Keepers of Record Repositories—*continued.*

III.—COURTS OF JUSTICE—*continued.*

	REPOSITORY, or Principal Officer.	Situation, Condition; Whether Public or Private PROPERTY.	GENERAL CONTENTS.	State of Preservation and Arrangement; and, Whether INDEXED, &c.	Number, Duty, and Remuneration of Officers.	OBSERVATIONS or MEASURES suggested in RETURNS.
	ECCLESIASTICAL COURTS—*continued.*					
187.	Diocesan Registry of Cashel.	In the Deputy Register's House. Private property.	Original Wills; Papers relative to See and Glebe Houses; Consistorial Court Proceedings; Counterparts of Archbishops, Incumbents, and Vicars Choral Leases; Marriage Licence and Administration Bonds; Baptism, Marriage, and Burial Registries.	In a good state of Preservation, & regularly sorted, except some very old Papers. To each Registry Book there is an Index, as also a Catalogue of the Papers in the Office.	The Register alone attends, & is remunerated by Fees, according to the Table in the Consistory Office in Dublin. The net annual amount of Fees for Searches and Copies, 10*l.*	At every annual Visitation, Copies of the Registries of Births, Marriages, and Burials, are given in. The number of Parishes has been returned to Parliament by the Archbishop.
188.	Diocesan Registry of Tuam.	In Deputy Register's Dwelling-house, in the town of Tuam.	Wills; Certificates of Probates; Administration Bonds; Deeds of Grants, and Admissions to Benefices; Commissions and Proceedings respecting the state, &c. of Glebes; Deeds, Maps, and Terriers; Bishops' Leases; and two Parchment Rolls of Oaths.	In general in a good state of Preservation; alphabetically arranged in Presses. No general Repertory, nor particular Index.	He pays an engrossing Clerk. Fees averaged about 8*l.* the last 3 years.	The MS. Books are of Paper, mostly bound; some in Latin, and scarcely intelligible, from the antiquity of the writing. Many Deficiencies and Chasms occur: such defects, to make good, would require the space of two years at least. There are 22 Parishes.
189.	Registry of the High Court of Delegates.	In an upper room in Register's Dwelling-house in St Andrew's-street.	Commissions of Delegates, Inhibitions. Appellatory Libels, Allegations or Exceptions, Commissions for Examinations of Witnesses, Interrogatories, Depositions; Transmisses, which are Copies of Proceedings in the Inferior Courts; Sentences, Monitions, Rule Books. The oldest Record is dated 1666.	Generally in a good state of Preservation, except some of the most ancient. They are arranged according to the Dates and Causes. No general Catalogue or Index.	The Register of Appeals and Spiritual Provocations and his Clerk attend. Fees for Copies, Attendances, &c. amount to about 10*4l.* per annum.	There are no regular Sittings of the Court of Delegates. The Judges in each Commission convene occasionally. In the Rule Books there are two chasms; one of 12 years, from 1681 to 1693; another of 91 years, from 1696 to 1787.
			Armagh Province.			
190.	Diocesan Registry of Clogher.	In the Dwelling-house of the Deputy Register, in the town of Monaghan.	Probates; Certificates; Administrations, with Bonds; Collations, Inductions, and Admissions to Benefices; Commissions as to Glebe Improvements and Dilapidations; Erection, Union, and Division of Parishes; Deeds of Exchange, and Maps of Glebe Lands; Parish Terriers; Consistorial Court Proceedings; Bishops' Leases; a Parchment Roll of Persons taking Oaths, &c.	In general in good Preservation. The Wills and Parochial Papers are kept in Alphabetical order. The modern Office-Books have in general correct Alphabets. There are no other Catalogues or Indexes.	The Deputy Register performs the duties of Office, and is remunerated by Fees.	It would be very beneficial to the Public that there were public Registry Offices, as the private houses of the Registers are too small. Above 1300 Wills have not been entered in the Office Books. There are 45 Parishes; and the Returns of the Registries of Births, &c. have been regular since 1800.
191.	Diocesan Registry of Meath.	Wills in the Register's private Study; the other Records in the Portrieve's Office in the Tholsel of Navan.	Acts of Council; Affidavits and Bonds on Administrations; Collations; Caveats; Glebe Deeds; Extracts from Parish Registries of the Inventories filed by Executors and Administrators; Consecration Instruments; Bishops' Leases; Maps of Glebes: Nomination to Cures, Schools, and Clerkships; Presentations; Resignations; Rolls of Persons subscribing Oaths and Declarations on admission to Benefices, Cures, and Holy Orders; Clergymen's Titles; Commissions for viewing Buildings; Instruments for erecting Parishes into Perpetual Cures; Wills proved in Consistorial Courts; with Marriage Licences, Bishops' Leases, &c.	In general in a tolerable state of Preservation, except some of the old Wills, from damp. Partly on Files, partly in Alphabets. The present Officer is now compiling Indexes and Catalogues.	The Register alone performs the duties. No Salary paid by the Public.	Great losses have occurred on the death or resignation of a Register, for want of a permanent Office, which accounts for the Chasms; what remain are liable to be stolen, as the Tholsel is open for all persons. There are 215 Parishes, of which 158 are Unions. The Registries of Births, Marriages, and Burials, are regular since 1800.
192. & 193.	Diocesan Registry of Down & Connor.	The Records of these Dioceses are deposited in an Office attached to the Deputy Register's or Actuary's house.	Manuscript Books, containing Transcripts of See Leases; the Wills of the Diocese, with Administrations; Memorials for Meeting-houses; Resignations; Certificates; Licences for Curates, Schoolmasters, Parish Clerks; Mandates for Visitations; a Box of very ancient Papers, scarcely legible; another Box, in better condition, with many other Books of Court Proceedings, &c.; Charitable Donations, &c.; also a MS. Book, of the date 1692.	In different degrees of Preservation. To the Wills there are Indexes to the names only; but no general Repertory or Catalogue.	The Deputy Register of Connor is also Actuary of Down, and, with his Family, attends, and is remunerated by Fees.	Indexes in general, and especially to the Wills, as to the name, residence, and date, essentially requisite. A recommendation, that each Will be surrounded with an Envelope; and observes, that many of them have been injured by improper ligatures, and are in a mouldering state. He considers his corrections of his Predecessor's inaccuracies, as his private property; and remarks, that two Boxes of Wills, &c. being of consequence, should be accurately searched and examined.

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III.—COURTS OF JUSTICE—*continued.*

	REPOSITORY, or Principal Officer.	Situation, Condition; Whether Public or Private PROPERTY.	GENERAL CONTENTS.	State of Preservation and Arrangement; and Whether INDEXED, &c.	Number, Duty, and Remuneration of Officers.	OBSERVATIONS or MEASURES suggested in RETURNS.
	ECCLESIASTICAL COURTS—ARMAGH PROVINCE—*continued.*					
194.	Diocesan Registry of Derry.	In the Register's possession.	The Wills registered and proved in the Consistorial Court of the Diocese.	——	——	——
195.	Diocesan Registry of Raphoe.	An Apartment in Raphoe Castle, which is the See House.	Original Wills, Acts, and Decrees, Court Books, and Rolls of the Admissions, &c. of the Clergy.	In good order; with particular Indexes, and without any chasms since 1691.	Deputy Register attends: his Fees very trifling.	All the Records previous to 1691 were destroyed, either when the Castle of Raphoe was taken by Cromwell, or afterwards when burned and pillaged by the Army under James II. There are 31 Parishes, and but one Union. Registries of Births are not sent in.
196.	Diocesan Registry of Kilmore.	In a private House in the town of Cavan.	Wills, Diocesan Rolls, Bishops' Leases, Proceedings in the Consistorial Court, Registries of Births, &c.; Renunciations, Resignations, Terriers of Glebe Lands, Church Consecrations, Curates Nominations, and Visitation Mandates, Citations, and Inventories, &c.	The Wills are alphabetically arranged, and the others labelled. The Manuscript Books only have Indexes.	Deputy Register attends: Emoluments, at an average of five last years, 120 *l.* but are very uncertain.	There are 38 Parishes in the Diocese.
197.	Diocesan Registry of Dromore.	In the Register's House, in the Town of Dromore.	Wills, Inventories, Rolls of licensed Schoolmasters, See Leases, Renunciations, Divorces, Inductions, Dimissory Letters, Titles to Livings, Glebe Land Improvements, Administrations, Caveats of Court, &c.	In a good state of Preservation; and severally arranged in Presses, which are numbered within and without: also numerical and alphabetical Books.	The Register attends, and is remunerated by Fees.	The present Bishop caused the Office to be put in regular order. There are 24 Parishes. The Licences for Marriage are regularly entered in the Registry. Some copies of Registries of Baptisms only have been sent in.
	Dublin Province.					
198.	Diocesan Registry of Kildare.	In a private House in Saint Andrew Street, Dublin.	Maps and Leases of Bishops Lands, Valuation Commissions, Memorials for and Acts of Consecrations of Churches and Chapels, Deeds of Trusts and of Sale of Advowsons, Conveyances of Lands for Glebe, Parish Registries, Monitions for Visitations, Inhibitions and Relaxations, Commissions of Surrogacy, Rural Deans Reports, Marriage and Administration Bonds, Office Oaths; with Title, Will, and Court Books.	In general in a good state of Preservation, and arranged according to their respective dates. To the Title Books there is a particular Index, and to the Wills both a particular and general one; besides an alphabetical Catalogue of every Record in the Registry, except of an old volume of Titles lately found.	The acting Register attends, and is remunerated by Fees.	"It is noted in the Chapter Book, that "the Records of the Diocese were lost "during the Rebellion of 1641;" but the Officer is doubtful as to their present existence. In the Rebellion of 1798, many Parish Registries were destroyed, but since 1804 they have been regularly sent in. The present Bishop has caused all unregistered Instruments to be entered in Books; which will be of great utility, as there are many Copies of Wills (already) the Originals of which cannot be found.
199.	Diocesan Registry of Ossory.	In a Room of a private House in Back Lane in Kilkenny.	Books of the various Titles to Benefices, of Wills & Administrations; Maps of the several Parishes and Glebes; Deeds, Leases, Terriers of See Lands, Acts of Consistory Court, Union and Disunion of Parishes, various Bonds, Licences, &c. &c. The oldest Record is of the year 1634.	They are since 1790 in good Preservation, and alphabetically arranged.	A Deputy Register attends: Fees about 10 *l.* per annum.	He accounts for the loss of many of these valuable Records, from there being no fixed Public Office, and recommends that the MS. Books should be bound, being of great importance. There are 62 Benefices, of which 25 are Unions. A few copies of Registries of Baptisms, &c. have been sent in.
200.	Diocesan Registry of Ferns.	In the Register's House.	Wills, some of them prior to 1650 illegible; Manuscript Books containing Abstracts of Acts of Parliament and Ecclesiastical Matters, Copies of Wills, Entries of Marriage Licences, Leases, Examinations of Witnesses, Acts of Council, Letters Patent, and Registries of Births Marriages and Burials.	Wills are in as good Preservation as can be expected from the length of time; there are many chasms in them and the other Records. There are Indexes and Alphabets to all, except three or four.	The Register and his Son attend: Remunerated by usual Fees, which are so trifling that he cannot employ a Clerk.	The Copies of Registries of Births, Marriages and Deaths, should be on Parchment or Vellum, according to the order of the Archbishop of Dublin, when Bishop of the Diocese. There is a loss of at least 1,000 *l.* a year to the Stamp Office, as the Wills are not proved here; whereby the Act of 1807 is a dead letter.
201.	Diocesan Registry of Leighlin.	In Apartments of a House rented by Register. Private property.	Wills, Administration Bonds, and Marriage Licence Bonds.	In a good state of Preservation since 1792. There are no Indexes or Catalogues.	The Register and his Clerk attend. A regular Table of Fees is hung up in the Office.	A public well situated Office is absolutely necessary, as many Records were lost by a flood from the River Barrow (near which the last Office was) and on the removal and death of Officers. There are 88 Parishes and 14 Unions. Parish Registries since 1782 are irregular, from the neglect of some of the Clergy.

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	ECCLESIASTICAL COURTS—*continued.*					
			Cashel Province.			
202.	Diocesan Registry of Limerick, Ardfert, and Aghadoe.	In a Room in Register's House.	The Liber Niger, transcribed from an old defaced Parchment Book, by Bishop Adams in 1616, and containing a List of the Parishes in the Dioceses, with their Procurations, Taxation, First Fruits, 20th Parts, Subsidies, and Patrons' Names; Visitations, Books of Administration, Probates, Presentations, Leases, and Certificates; Titles to Benefices; Copies of Parochial Registries; Two Prospects of the Diocese, one on a Parchment Roll, dated 1679, the other about 1690, nearly of similar contents with the Liber Niger; Copy of a Regal Visitation Book, for the Diocese of Ardfert and Aghadoe, in 1615.	Generally in a good state of Preservation. The Wills arranged alphabetically; the rest classed according to their description. No complete general Index.	A Clerk is engaged. No Salary paid by the Public. Fees are very trifling.	None.
203.	Diocesan Registry of Waterford.	In the Register's House in Waterford.	Benefices, Titles, Ordination Letters; Licences for Cures, Clerks, Schools, Marriages, Absence; Sequestrations; Registry of Bishops' Leases; with Books of Wills and Administrations, not older than 1663.	In very good Preservation. Some are in chronological order, with alphabetical Indexes; others are alphabetically entered. The Wills are in Presses, divided alphabetically. All the Catalogues, Indexes, &c. are complete.	Business of the Office transacted, and Records kept, by the Register, with a Clerk at 60*l.* per annum. Fees as established by the Privy Council in 1662.	There are many ancient Records in the Castle of Lismore, belonging to the Duke of Devonshire; and also in the Evidence Chamber of Lord Ormond's Castle, in Kilkenny; often referred to in Smith's History of Waterford.
204.	Diocesan Registry of Cork and Ross.	In Apartments in a private House in Cork.	Original Wills, and their Copies; Rolls of Persons subject to Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction; Counterparts of the See Leases. Proceedings of the Consistory Courts: from 1612 to 1682 there is a chasm.	Some are in a state of decay, from the damp of the former Office. They are either in alphabetical order, or arranged according to dates. No Catalogues or Indexes, except to the Parochial Returns of Births, &c.	The Register attends, and is remunerated by Fees.	To prevent the loss that may arise from the removal of the Records at the will of the Register, it would be expedient to have a fixed place for them, and not to be removed but under the direction of an Act of Parliament. The former Officer has an Index to the old Wills prior to 1751. Transmission of Parochial Registries irregular, and unarranged.
205.	Diocesan Registry of Cloyne.	In a very small and inconvenient Room in the Deputy Register's House.	Wills, Bonds, Licences, Leases, Consistory Court Proceedings, Visitation and Title Books, &c.	In a tolerable state of Preservation; but not of arrangement, for want of room, and regular Indexes.	Deputy Register daily attends. Average Fees, 127*l.*	It is incumbent on the Bishop to have a suitable Office built immediately, and a provision made for Fuel, and Salary for a Clerk, the Office not being adequate to the expense. The Register a Prisoner in France.
206.	Diocesan Registry of Killaloe and Kilfenora.	In the Surrogate's House.	Seven MS. Books; Wills, Administrations, Visitations; Court Proceedings, and Title Books; Rolls of Qualifying Persons, See Leases, &c.	In good Preservation. Wills, Bonds, &c. are in alphabetical order. There are *no* Catalogues or particular Indexes.	A sworn Clerk preserves and arranges Records, and is paid by the Register, who is remunerated by Fees.	Some of the Records of Kilfenora (he has heard) are in the Registries of Clonfert and Tuam, to which it was formerly united. There are 116 Parishes. Killaloe Registry was burned in Cromwell's time.
			Tuam Province.			
	Diocesan Registry of Elphin.	—	No other Return has been obtained from this Office than a classified Schedule, agreeably to a distinct Order of the Board.	—	—	—
207.	Diocesan Registry of Clonfert and Kilmacduagh.	In a private House at Loughrea, for which the Register pays 25*l.* per annum.	A large Book, commencing 1724, and containing all Leases belonging to both Sees; also, Institutions to Benefices, Ordinations, Presentations, Wills, and Administrations.	In tolerable Preservation; and alphabetically arranged; but no correct Index or Catalogue.	The Register attends, and is remunerated by Fees.	If there was a Public Office, the Records would be much safer, and more convenient to the Public. The Bishop has ordered, that the Rectors, Vicars, and Curates, should send in Copies of the Registries of Births, Marriages, and Burials; which has not been attended to. In Clonfert there are 38 Parishes, and in Kilmacduagh 21.

TABULAR DIGEST of the several Returns of Officers or Keepers of Record Repositories—*continued.*

III.—COURTS OF JUSTICE—*continued.*

	REPOSITORY, or Principal Officer.	Situation, Condition; Whether Public or Private PROPERTY.	GENERAL CONTENTS.	State of Preservation and Arrangement; and, Whether INDEXED, &c.	Number, Duty, and Remuneration of Officers.	OBSERVATIONS or MEASURES suggested in RETURNS.
	ECCLESIASTICAL COURTS—Tuam Province—*continued.*			In a very bad state, from being trodden under foot in the late Rebellion. They are arranged and labelled: each Book has an Index, but no general one.	The Register attends: and the Fees for Searches and Certificates do not amount to 6*l.* a year.	A public Room, 20 feet long and 16 wide, with suitable Presses, would, in the Register's opinion, be requisite for these Records. Many of them were thrown into the streets, and destroyed, in the Rebellion of 1798, and others lost in the removals from one house to another. There are 52 Parishes, two Archdeaconries, two Precentorships, and 8 Prebends, in this Diocese.
208.	Diocesan Registry of Killala and Achonry.	In the Register's Dwelling House.	Maps of See Lands, &c. commencing in 1718; Wills from 1698, Letters for Orders, Titles to Benefices, Resignations, Marriage and Curate Licences, Rolls of Subscriptions, Court Acts, &c.			

IV.—CATHEDRALS.

209.	Library and Archives of the Diocese of Armagh.	—	[See head of "Colleges."]	—	—	—
210.	Diocese of Clogher.	Palace of Clogher.	One Parchment Roll for Persons taking and subscribing the Oaths; it commences in 1761.	In good Preservation.	—	The Cathedral Library is in the Palace of Clogher.
211.	Diocese of Meath.	—	There are not any Documents.	No Return.	No Return.	There is not any Cathedral or Diocesan Library in this Diocese.
212.	Diocese of Down and Connor.	—	No Rolls, Books, &c.	No Return.	No Return.	A Diocesan Library for Down.
213.	Diocese of Derry.	—	No original Rolls, Records, &c.	No Return.	No Return.	There is a Diocesan Library.
214.	Diocese of Raphoe	—	No Public Records.	No Return.	No Return.	There is a Library here also.
215.	Diocese of Kilmore.	—	No Return.	—	—	—
216.	Diocese of Dromore.	—	Negative.	—	—	There is neither Diocesan Library or Archive.
217.	Diocese of Dublin.	—	[See head of "Public Libraries."]	—	—	—
218.	The Cathedral of Christ Church Dublin.	In the Library of Christ Church.	Some thousands of original Records, mostly in Latin and the Norman Court Hand, and chiefly relating to the Possessions and Privileges of the Deans and Chapter, of their predecessors the Priors and Convent of the Holy Trinity. Various Statutes and Ordinances, Royal and Private Grants, Charters, Kings Letters, inquisitions, Wills, Rolls of ancient Popal Bulls and Indulgencies. The oldest are, a Charter of Henry II. in 1172, and two Bulls of Pope Urban in 1186.—MSS. are, 1st. Registrum Novum, which contains Copies of the above, and Abstracts of them in English, with a Table of their Contents, and also Imitations of the Seals and Signatures, and is interspersed with Extracts from Liber Niger, Liber Albus, and Rolls of Chancery; being an History of the Antiquities, Property, and Privileges of Christ Church. 2d. Repertorium Viride, which relates to Churches, &c. in the Diocese of Dublin, by Archbishop Allen, in 1532; Church Leases, Donations, Acts of the Dean and Chapter, Hearings in Chancery during the Protectorate; and some Court Books in the Court Hand; the Charter of Henry the VIIIth. changing the Prior and Convent to the Dean and Chapter; a Special Verdict in 1613, respecting the Liberties of Christ Church. 3d. Liber Albus, a Vellum Folio, bound in Wood, written in 1490, and contains Grants to the Cathedral; also Pope Nicholas' Bull of 1277, recognising the King of England's rights to grant Licence to the Prior and Convent of Christ Church, and Dean and Chapter of Saint Patricks, to elect an Archbishop of Dublin. 4th. Liber Niger, of 1340, bound also in Wood; contains Charters, Norman French Poems, Leonine Verses, a curious Treatise of Arithmetic, Copies of Magna Charta, de Presto, & Confirmatio, &c.: early English Statutes, &c.	In good Preservation, in general; numbered, and in Bundles, or on Files, and kept in Oak Presses. There is no general Index or Catalogue.	Return silent.	The Vaults were built by the Deans, and the Church was built by Sitric. The English Statutes differ much from the corresponding Acts published in the "Statutes of the Realm." The Dean and Chapter obtained a Decree against the Corporation of Dublin, for the Tithe Fish of the Liffy. There are many things here illustrative of the Antiquities of Dublin, and also of the Church. Several Originals are missing, but they have copies of them. The Treatise on Arithmetic was written before the introduction of Arabic numerals. There is a great fund of Antiquarian information in this Repository.

TABULAR DIGEST of the several Returns of OFFICERS or KEEPERS of RECORD REPOSITORIES—*continued.*

IV.—CATHEDRALS—*continued.*

	REPOSITORY, or Principal Officer.	Situation, Condition; Whether Public or Private PROPERTY.	GENERAL CONTENTS.	State of Preservation and Arrangement; and, Whether INDEXED, &c.	Number, Duty, and Remuneration of Officers.	OBSERVATIONS or MEASURES suggested in RETURNS.
219.	Diocese of Kildare.	—	No Public Records.	No Return.	—	There is not any Library for this Diocese.
220.	Diocese of Ossory.	—	No Records or written Papers.	No Return.	No Return.	The Library of this Diocese consists of 4,000 Volumes, of various descriptions and languages. The Building, though old, is in tolerable repair.
221.	Diocese of Ferns.	—	No Record or Instrument.	No Return.	No Return.	There is no Library to this Cathedral. There are 143 Parishes in the Diocese.
222.	Diocese of Leighlin.	—	One Chapter Book, in which the Accounts are kept.	No Return.	No Return.	There is not any Library or Archives. The Chapter Book is in the possession of the Treasurer and Economist of the Cathedral.
223.	Diocese of Cashel.	—	No Return.	—	—	—
224.	Diocese of Limerick.	In the Registry Office, which is private property.	Two Parchment Books, containing the Chapter Acts from 1680 to 1805.	In good Preservation.	No Return.	Neither a Library nor Archives.
225.	Diocese of Waterford and Lismore.	—	No Return.	—	—	—
226.	Diocese of Cork and Ross.	—	No Public Records.	—	—	The Library consists of the Books of Archdeacon Pomeroy, who founded it.
	Diocese of Cloyne.	—	No Return.	No Return.	No Return.	None.
227.	Diocese of Killaloe.	In the Registry Office, which is private property.	One Book, containing a State of the Diocese, presented to Commissioners at Dublin in 1662; and another, of the Proceedings of the Chapter.	In very good Preservation.	No Return.	There is neither a Diocesan Library nor Archives.
228.	Diocese of Tuam.	Some in possession of the Vicar, others of the Treasurer.	Registries of Births, &c. and Vestry Proceedings of the Cathedral Church of St. Mary; with Books containing the Acts of the Chapter.	Which are in very good Preservation.	No Return.	There is neither a Diocesan Library nor Archives.
	Diocese of Elphin.	—	No Return.	—	—	—
229.	Diocese of Clonfert.	—	No Return.	—	—	—
230.	Diocese of Killala and Achonry.	In the possession of the officiating Clergyman.	A very old Chapter Book, in Latin, for raising Contributions for Repairs of the Cathedral before it was a Parish Church.	In a very bad and defaced state, and no Catalogue or Index.	No Return.	In consequence of the Act, that all Cathedrals should be used as Parish Churches (where the Parish Churches are in ruins) no Chapter has been held since 1770, the Cathedral being now kept up by Cess. It has no Library.

V.—UNIVERSITY, AND COLLEGES.

231.	University Library.	Trinity College, Dublin.	It appears from the Returns from the College, that there is in the Library a great Collection of MS. Books, Charters, Rolls and Papers, relating both to England and Ireland, too numerous to be detailed in this Digest.	In good Preservation in a room at the East end of its Library, whence they are not permitted to be removed.	The MSS. are inspected only in the presence of the Librarian.	There is a well drawn up Catalogue in the Library; but imperfect as to MSS. purchased or presented since 1745.
232.	Maynooth College.	—	No original Records, &c. or Manuscripts, &c.	—	—	—

TABULAR DIGEST of the several Returns of Officers or Keepers of Record Repositories—*continued.*

V.—UNIVERSITY, AND COLLEGES—*continued.*

	REPOSITORY, or Principal Officer.	Situation, Condition; Whether Public or Private PROPERTY.	GENERAL CONTENTS.	State of Preservation and Arrangement; and, Whether INDEXED, &c.	Number, Duty, and Remuneration of Officers.	OBSERVATIONS or MEASURES suggested in RETURNS.
233.	Armagh Library.	In the Record Room built by the late Primate Robinson, opposite West end of the Cathedral.	Manuscripts mostly respecting the See, its Rent Rolls, Surveys, and Maps; but particularly the state of the Diocese of Raphoe, Derry, and Dromore, in 1727; of Armagh, Kilmore and Clogher, in 1733. Regal Visitation of Down and Connor in 1693. Suit and Judgment respecting Patronage to Vicarage of Donaghadee, between Primate Stone and Lord Mount Alexander. Acta Convocationum Hiberniæ, 1639, 1661, 1703. There is here also a Public Library, but no Records in it.	In good Preservation, and regularly kept.	The Key is (by the Will of the Primate) to be kept by the Librarian pro tempore.	There is no College, properly so called, at Armagh. The Vicars Choral of the Cathedral, by the Charter of Incorporation in 1634, are styled The Royal College of Vicars; and the Free Grammar School is vulgarly called a College; but neither possess any Archives.
234.	Kilkenny College.	——	The only Record is a Charter, granted March 18th, 1680, by James Duke of Ormonde to the College; in the possession of the Master.	No Return.	No Return.	There is no College Library.
235.	College of Physicians.	——	The Charter of Incorporation, and the Title Deeds of Sir Patrick Dunn's Estates.	No Return.	No Return.	None.
236.	College of Surgeons.	In an iron Safe, at the College, Stephen's Green, Dublin.	The only Record is the Charter of Incorporation.	In perfect Preservation.	The Assistant Secretary has the care of it.	——

VI.—INNS OF COURT, AND PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

237.	King's Inns Society Library.	In the Council Chamber, and an adjoining Room, Henrietta-street: the Society's property.	Earl Camden's Copy of the Doctrina Placitandi, with references; the Opinions of English Crown Lawyers on Prerogative and Revenue points; the Black Book, containing Entries of the Society's Proceedings, partly in Latin, but mostly in English.	Intolerable Preservation. There is no Index, but a Catalogue.	The Librarian has the care of them.	The present Apartments are too slight, inadequate, and damp. The Black Book, on account of its importance, is recommended to be printed It appears, from Mr. Lodge's List, that many Books have disappeared.
238.	King's Inns Society Treasury.	In the Treasurer's Office.	The Green Book, from 1712 to 1742, containing Benchers Admissions, Chaplain & Officers Appointments, and Society Regulations; another, from 1741 to 1791, of similar Contents; with several others for admission of Barristers, Attornies, and Students.	In good Preservation. No Index or Catalogue.	The Treasurer of the Society has the care of these Documents.	Many of the other Documents are presumed to have been lost; and the Return concludes with Observations respecting the present Record Commission.
239.	Marsh's Library.	In a commodious public Building, near St. Sepulchre's, Dublin.	Repertorium Viride of Archbishop Alan; Irish Ecclesiastical Affairs; Annales Hiberniæ; State of Ireland from 1640; Esker and Crumlin Court Book; Armagh Diocesan Proceedings; Alani Lib Niger, seu Registrum; Royal Grants in Ireland; Dopping's State and Revenue of Meath Diocese 1693; Liber Precedentium, per Dudley Loftus; Irish Prerogative; Jurisdiction and Practice of Admiralty Court; James 2d's Proclamation for Toleration in Scotland, with Remarks; also other Religious Tracts, with an Answer to Tyrone's Seditious Declaration sent to the Popish Priests in the Pale, &c.	In good condition, and well arranged. There is a Catalogue of 12 folio volumes, and a small one for the MSS.	The Librarian attends.	This is not a Diocesan Library, but was built and endowed by Primate Marsh, and vested in Trustees by the 7th of Anne.
240.	Dublin Society House.	MSS. kept in a particular Closet of the Society's Library.	Seventeen MS. Volumes of Walter Harris, containing various Documents relating to the Civil and Ecclesiastical History of Ireland, from the Reign of Edward the Third to that of Queen Elizabeth, including Archbishop King's Collectanea.	In general in a good state of Preservation. A general Catalogue to the eleven first volumes, but no general Index.	They are not allowed to be inspected without particular permission, for which purpose the Librarian attends.	An Index to each Volume would be of great public utility. They were purchased by Parliament for 500*l.* and presented to this Society. None of these Documents are considered as Originals, except perhaps Archbishop King's.

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VI.—INNS OF COURT, AND PUBLIC LIBRARIES—*continued.*

	REPOSITORY, or Principal Officer.	Situation, Condition; Whether Public or Private PROPERTY.	GENERAL CONTENTS.	State of Preservation and Arrangement; and, Whether INDEXED, &c.	Number, Duty, and Remuneration of Officers.	OBSERVATION or MEASURES suggested in RETURNS.
241.	Royal Irish Academy.	In Society's Library, Grafton-street.	No Records, &c. except three Irish Manuscripts, viz. the Book of Ballymote, the Book of Lecan, and the Speckled Book of M'Eogan.	In tolerable Preservation. There are some particularCatalogues and Indexes, but not any general.	A Librarian attends each day.	These MSS. are said to treat of the History and Affairs of Ireland at very early periods.
242.	Dublin Library Society.	——	No Records, &c.	——	——	None.
243.	The King's (commonly called The Blue Coat) Hospital.	In an Iron Chest with three Keys, in the Board Room, Oxmanto perty of the Governors.	A Charter granted in 23d Chas. II. and enrolled in 1670; with Deeds, Writings, Books, and Papers, containing the Corporate Acts, &c. of the Governors.	In good Preservation, and arranged in good order; with a general Catalogue, and a particular Index to each.	The Register attends.	None.
244.	The Royal (commonly called The Old Man's) Hospital.	In wooden Presses in the Register's Office, Kilmainham. Public property.	A Printed and a Manuscript Copy of Charles the Second's Charter, in 36th year of his Reign; Original Charter granted by George II. in the 31st year of his Reign; a Registry, in eight Volumes, of the Proceedings of the Governors, from the foundation to the present day.	In good Preservation. The Registry is arranged in Books, with Indexes.	The Register performs the duties.	The original Charter of Charles II. was lost on the abdication of James II. but it was enrolled in Chancery. By the Charter of George II. the number of Governors to form a Board is now but seven.
245.	Stevens's Hospital.	——	No Rolls or MSS.	——	——	There is an exception of two MS. Volumes, being a Catalogue of the Books of this Library, which was presented to the Hospital by the late Edward Worth, M.D.

VII.—PUBLIC BOARDS.

246.	Board of First Fruits.	In the Secretary's own House.	Private Minutes of the Transactions of the Trustees since 1763, containing Grants for building Churches and Glebe Houses, the purchasing of Glebes, Tithes, &c.	Regularly Indexed, and in good Preservation.	No Return.	A Reference to the Records of the First Fruits Office.
247.	Commissioners of Charitable Donations.	In possession of the Secretary.	A Book containing the Proceedings of the Committee of Charity of the House of Lords, from 1792 till 1800.	No Return.	No Return.	On the sale of the Parliament House to the National Bank, all the other Documents of the Committee of Charity were removed to a house in Anglesea-street, in which other Public Records are deposited.
248.	Board of Education.	In Secretary's possession.	The original Report of Evidence respecting private or public Donations for Education, and original Returns of the Number and State of the Public Schools of Ireland, with original Notes of Evidence of Persons examined on the occasion.	In good Preservation.	The Secretary attends.	The Report is imperfect, particularly in this, that a great part of the Evidence as to Schools of private foundation is wanting.
249.	Board of General Officers.	In the War Office, Dublin Castle.	The King's Regulations respecting the Clothing of the Army, and other Military Arrangements; with Contract and Correspondence Books, from 1697 to this present time.	These Records, particularly the modern ones, are in perfect Preservation; mostly indexed, posted, & paged, according to their Dates.	The Deputy Secretary is exclusively intrusted with the Records, in the absence of the Secretary.	Some are missing: and it would be of great utility to bring up the arrear of Indexing, Paging, &c.
250.	Army Medical Board.	——	Books containing the Proceedings of this Board.	Regularly kept up, arranged, and Indexed.	No Return.	This Board was formed on the 1st of June 1795.
251.	Judge Advocate General.	In his own House.	Original Proceedings and Sentences of all General Courts Martial in Ireland.	In good Preservation; and regularly labelled with the Rank and Name of the Persons tried.	The Judge Advocate is exclusively intrusted with the care of these Records, and receives Fees.	These Documents are lodged with him for the purpose of giving out Copies to those who are legally entitled to demand the same, according to the intent of the Mutiny Act: see 50th Geo. III. chap. 12.

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	REPOSITORY, or Principal Officer.	Situation, Condition; Whether Public or Private PROPERTY.	GENERAL CONTENTS.	State of Preservation and Arrangement; and, Whether INDEXED, &c.	Number, Duty, and Remuneration of Officers.	OBSERVATIONS or MEASURES suggested in RETURNS.
252.	Barrack Office.	——	Conveyances and Leases of the several Barracks in Ireland; Contracts for Building and Repairs; with official Accounts of Monies received and expended.	No Return.	No Return.	It is stated that no Person, except the Officers of this Board, has any recourse to, or right to inspect, their Books, Deeds, and Papers.
253.	Board of Works.	Merrion and Anglesea Streets.	Deeds of Premises in Dublin, taken by the Board; Contracts for Building, and Money Accounts.	No Return.	No Return.	It is also stated in the Return from the Board, that no Person has any recourse to their Documents, or any right or title to inspect them, but the Officers of the Board.
254.	Army Account Office.	——	No Records, &c. further than the Books of his Office, which relate solely to the business of the Department.	No Return.	No Return.	None.
255.	Imprest Account Office.	In the Office. Public property.	Imprest Commissioners Accounts since 1771; viz. Public Charities receiving Government aid; Dº Institutions; Post Office, Stamps, Revenue, and Military Accounts; Compensation to Exchequer Office, &c.; some of them previous to the Reign of King William.	In good order, and arranged according to time. No Index or Catalogue.	The Military and Civil Accounts are in their respective Officers' care.	On the suppression of the Office of Auditor of Imprest Accounts in 1798, all Documents previous to 1771 were sent to these Commissioners; but they appear to be unworthy of attention, and are unclassed, and unarranged.
256.	Sinking Fund Office.	——	Books for entering Minutes of the Commissioners, and Accounts of Monies received, Stock purchased, and different Loans.	No Return.	No Return.	This is an Office of late appointment.
257.	Office of Inquiry.	In the House occupied by the Commissioners; which is private property.	Reports, Depositions on Oath, and Minutes of Commissioners' Proceedings.	In good Preservation.	He makes out Three Copies of each Report; one for each House of Parliament in England, and one for the Lord Lieutenant here.	These Commissioners are empowered to call for such Records as they may want from the several Departments assigned for their inspection, to which they are again returned.
258.	Ballast Corporation.	——	No original Records, &c.	No Return.	No Return.	None.
259.	Wide Street Office.	In the Clerk's Dwelling-house, Blessington-street.	Minutes of Commissioners Proceedings, consisting of 22 folio Volumes, since their commencement; also of the Evidence before Valuation Juries; Leases; Deeds of Conveyance, Purchases, and Sales; with Maps, as well of Improvements effected, as of those at present in contemplation of the Board.	In good Preservation, and numerically arranged.	The Clerk; to whose custody these Records are committed.	This Board was instituted in 1758.
260.	Paving Board.	In the Corporation House, in Dawson-street.	The Minute Book of their Proceedings in their corporate capacity.	In good Preservation, and properly arranged; but have no Index, except what is attached to each Minute Book.	The Secretary has the care of them.	None.
261.	Directors of Inland Navigation.	In a House in Merrion-street. Public property.	Books and Papers, containing Minutes of the Acts and Proceedings of the Board, with Maps, &c.	In good Preservation; with Indexes, but no general Catalogue or Repertory.	The Papers are locked up in the Navigation House; and the Chairman, Secretary, and Clerks of the Minutes, each have keys.	This Board was established in 1800, for the distribution of 500,000 *l.* granted by Parliament. The Law directed, that all Papers relating to Inland Navigation, theretofore presented to the House of Commons, should be handed over to the Directors; but they got the Maps only. Some of the Papers are suspected to be in the hands of the Officers of the old Board, or their Representatives. By the 40th of the King, their Entries are evidence, either in Law or Equity.

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VII.—PUBLIC BOARDS—*continued.*

	REPOSITORY, or Principal Officer.	Situation, Condition; Whether Public or Private PROPERTY.	GENERAL CONTENTS.	State of Preservation and Arrangement; and, Whether INDEXED, &c.	Number, Duty, and Remuneration of Officers.	OBSERVATIONS or MEASURES suggested in RETURNS.
262.	Linen Board.	——	Acts and Proceedings of the Trustees for the Linen and Hempen Manufactures, since 1711 to the present time.	No Return.	No Return.	This Board was established in 1711.
263.	Incorporated Society.	——	No Records, &c. in the custody of the Society.	No Return.	No Return.	None.
264.	Erasmus Smith's Schools.	——	Incorporation Charter, with Minutes, Maps, Leases, and Papers relating to their Estates.	No Return.	No Return.	None.
265.	Ouzel Galley.	——	Cases and Evidences, in writing, of the Parties who refer their Mercantile Differences to Arbitration; also, the Awards of the Arbitrators.	No Return.	No Return.	This is a very old Establishment of the principal Merchants of Dublin, for settling differences between Merchants by Arbitration.

The Second APPENDIX referred to in the preceding REPORT;

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BIRMINGHAM TOWER.

The ANSWER of Arthur Hill, Esquire, KEEPER OF THE RECORDS of Birmingham Tower, to the several QUERIES of the Honourable the Committee appointed to inspect the Public Records and Offices in this Kingdom.

1. Birmingham Tower.

THE Records in this Tower consist of Pleas of the Crown, Enrolments of Patents, and Sheriffs' Accounts: (2.)—They are placed in Presses, convenient for that purpose, all round the Office.

(3.)—The most ancient Records in the Office are of the reign of King Henry the Third.

(4.)—The Office is kept in Birmingham Tower, in the Castle of Dublin, belonging to the King; the Officer holds the said Office by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of Ireland, which are during his life.

(5.)—There are Tables and Indexes to the Patent Rolls and Pleas of the Crown.

(6.)—The Office is enjoyed by Arthur Hill, Esquire, and by him executed.

(7.)—There are a great many Vacancies among the said Records, but the present Officer has all those Records that were there when he came into the said Office. The Officer can give no account of the reason of the vacancies, nor of any Record before those of Henry the Third.

Arthur Hill.

CHANCERY.

2. ROLLS OFFICE.

To the Honourable the Committee appointed to inspect the Public Records of this Kingdom.

The humble Report of Cusack Baldwin, DEPUTY KEEPER of His Majesty's Records in the Rolls Office.

2. Rolls Office.

IN obedience to Your Honours Order, I do certify that in the said Office are contained the several Records following, and the manner of their being kept: One branch, consisting of Letters Patent for Lands, Honors, Offices; Ecclesiastical Livings; Pensions; Deeds; Acts of Parliament; Inquisitions; Decrees; and other Matters of various kinds, kept in Presses, in the Room distinguished by the name of The Rolls, according to the following numbers; viz.

No. 1. Contains several bundles of Rolls of Recognizances in the reigns of King Henry the Eighth, Edward the Sixth, Philip and Mary, Queen Elizabeth, King James, and King Charles the First, and one Roll of Surrenders of Abbeys, &c. in the reign of King Henry the Eighth; whereof there are no Entries: In the same Press is also contained a bundle of Rolls of Acts of Henry the Sixth, another of Edward the Fourth, another of Richard the Third, and another of Henry the Seventh, that have no Entries: As also in the same Press, a bundle of Acts of Henry the Eighth, one Roll of Philip and Mary, a bundle of Queen Elizabeth, a Roll of King James the First, two Rolls of King Charles the First, of which there are Entries; and two other Acts in King Charles the First, one relating to Nicholas Loftus, Esquire, and the other to Richard Earl of Cork, and John Lord Bishop of Waterford and Lismore, to which there is no Entry: And in the same Press are likewise contained the Enrolments of the several Acts of Parliament of King Charles the Second, King William, and Queen Ann, whereof there are Entries.

No. 2. Contains one Roll of old Patents, &c. with a Label on one side, Writ de Anno Edvardi primo et Edvardi Secundi, and on the other side, Writ Anno undecimo Edvardi; one other Roll, de Anno Vicessimo Edvardi Secundi; both tied together: In the same, one bundle of Edward the Third, one bundle of Richard the Second, one bundle of Henry the Fourth, one bundle of Henry the Sixth, one bundle of Edward the Fourth, one bundle of Henry the Seventh, one small Roll de Anno Sexto Henrici Octavi; but no Entries of any of them: In the same Press are contained the Enrolments of Patents, &c. beginning in the twenty-second year of Henry the Eighth to the latter end of Queen Elizabeth, and have all Indexes and Entries.

No. 3. & 4. Contain Enrolments of Patents, &c. from the beginning of King James the First to the latter end of his reign, and have Alphabets and Entries.

No. 5. & 6. Contain Enrolments of the like nature, from the beginning of the reign of King Charles the First, to the latter end thereof, having Indexes and Entries.

No. 7. & 8. Contain Enrolments of Patents, &c. in Cromwell's time, and from the twelfth year of King Charles the Second to the latter end of his reign, having Indexes and Entries.

No. 9. Contains the Enrolments of Patents, &c. in the reigns of King James the Second, and King William and Queen Mary, and part of Queen Ann; to which there are Indexes and Entries.

No. 10. Contains the Enrolments of most of the Patents on the Act of Settlement, with their proper Indexes and Entries.

No. 11. Contains the remaining part of the Rolls on the Act of Settlement, the remaining part of Queen Ann, and the Enrolments of the several Trustees' Deeds on the late Forfeiture; all having their proper Indexes and Entries.

No. 12. Contains all the Enrolments in His present Majesty King George's reign, with the Enrolment of the several Persons conforming to the Protestant Religion, and of the Subscribers' Names for erecting a Bank; having proper Indexes and Entries.

In the Closet adjoining to the Room called "The Rolls," Inquisitions of several kinds are kept in Presses, in the reigns of Queen Elizabeth, King James the First, and King Charles the First, having no Entries, but tied up in Counties, with a parchment Label distinguishing the Reign and the County, and the Files are put into their respective Provinces; some few with their Commissions affixed to them, and many without. There are in the same Closet other Inquisitions since the Restoration, with Commissions affixed to most of them, and have Entries. Also in the same, some few large Inquisitions, distinguished by the name or title of "The Grand Inquisitions," or Grand Office, which have no Entries. In the adjoining Closet, are the Certificates of the several Persons conforming to the Protestant Religion, upon a proper File. Several other Inquisitions, beginning in 1633, in the reign of King Charles the First and King Charles the Second, are on Files hanging on pegs in the little Middle Room, up two pair of stairs, with Indexes and Entries. In the Room adjoining to it are very many Decrees, which some few years past were brought to the Office in great confusion, without Indexes or Entries, and many of them of an hundred years standing. On the same Floor are kept in Presses the Enrolments of several Decrees of much later time, with the Parties Names indorsed on each of the Rolls; and some Enrolments of the Palatinate of Tipperary, brought into the Office a few years past, without Entries.—The oldest Pleadings in the said Office begin about the year 1600, from which time to the year 1633 there are no Entries of them, and are kept in the East Garret of said Office. The oldest Book, an Alphabet of Pleadings, in said Office, begins in the year 1633; and the Pleadings from 1633 to Cromwell's time, lie in the aforesaid Garret, tied up in bundles, with Labels, in their years. The Pleadings in Cromwell's time lie up two pair of stairs westward in the Office, and are labelled, and in their years; and there is a Book of Entries, and Alphabet which refer to them. The Pleadings from 1660 to the year 1696 inclusive, are in the West Garrets of the Office, tied up every Term in a bundle, with Labels to them all, having Books and Alphabets referring to them. The Pleadings from the year 1697 inclusive, to the year 1708, are in Presses up one pair of stairs westward in the Office, and every Term by itself, and labelled, with Books and Indexes referring to them. The years 1708 and 1709 are in a little Room on the back of said Presses, every Term tied up in bundles, and labelled, having a Book and Index referring to them. The Pleadings of the years 1710, 1711, and 1712, are upon pegs up one pair of stairs westward in the said Office, and are every Term by itself upon one peg, labelled, and there are Entries and Indexes referring to them. The Pleadings of the years 1713, 1714, 1715, 1716, lie in a little Room up one pair of stairs in said Office, and are every Term tied up in bundles, and labelled; and there are Books and Indexes referring to them. The Pleadings from the year 1716 exclusive to this time lie upon pegs in the Pleading Room of said Office, every Term by itself upon a peg; and there are Books and Indexes referring to them. The Pleadings which were received from the Palatinate Court of Tipperary, lie in a little Room eastward in the said Office, and there is a Book referring to them in the Office. Cannot tell how long the Pleadings from about 1600 to Cromwell's time, have been in the said East Garret, having been there before my time in the Office, but believe all the other Pleadings, since the year 1660, have been lodged in the said Office, as they were entered and filed, except the Tipperary Pleadings, which were lodged there about six or seven years ago.

The Office is executed by Charles Baldwin, Esquire, and Cusack Baldwin, his son, who are both Deputies; which said Office belongs to the Right honourable William Lord Berkely, of Stratton, in Great Britain, as presumed, being Master of the Rolls.

Mr. John Baldwin, Philazer, has had the keeping of the Pleadings upwards of twenty years.

Cus. Baldwin,
Deputy Clerk & Custos Rotul.

3. CROWN OFFICE.

The Answer of Mr. Edward Madden, Deputy Clerk of the Crown and Hanaper in Chancery, to the Queries of the Honourable the Committee appointed to inspect the Public Records and Offices in this Kingdom.

3. Crown Office.

(1.)—THIS is an Office of Record, for either the Crown or the Subject, only in two particulars, viz. for the Crown, all Writs and Indentures for the electing and returning of Knights, Citizens, and Burgesses to sit in Parliament, are returned to and filed with us: For the Subject, all Extents issued upon Statute Staples, when executed, are returned to us and filed; which practice is now so much out of use, that scarce one in a year issues.

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(2.)—The above Records are kept in Presses, separate from each other, and disposed according to the dates of the several years wherein they were returned.

(3.)—The most ancient Returns of Parliament are in the eleventh year of the reign of King James I.; and the most ancient Returns of Extents are in the sixth year of the reign of King James I.

(4.)—The Office is kept in Bride-street, in the House of Sir Compton Domville; of which he has a Lease, from the Vicars Choral of Saint Patrick's Dublin, of about fifty years to come.

(5.)—We have neither Tables nor Indexes; for the Writs and Indentures are all filed according to the years wherein they were returned, and the dates of the years indorsed upon the back of the files.

(6.)—The Office is enjoyed by Sir Compton Domville, Baronet, and executed by Mr. Edward Madden, his Deputy.

(7.)—I know of no particular Records that are wanting, having never missed any when Searches have been made; but the Office having been, in King James the Second's time, taken from Sir Thomas Domville, the then Patentee, and put into the hands of a Papist, it is probable some may have been embezzled.

Edward Madden,
D. Clerk Crown and Hanaper.

4. REGISTER.

The REGISTER of His Majesty's High Court of Chancery's ANSWER to the QUERIES put by the Honourable the Committee appointed to inspect the Public Records, and Fees, in this Kingdom.

4. Register.

(1.)—THE Records kept in the Register's Office consist of all the Rules, Orders, Reports, Awards, and Exceptions to Reports, that were made or taken in all Causes that were or are depending in the Chancery side of said Court; as also, of Returns of Commissions of Perambulation, Lunacy, and Election of Guardians.

(2.)—The Books wherein the Rules and Orders are entered, are kept in Presses, that are ranged on purpose along all sides of the Office. The Reports, Returns of Commissions of Lunacy, and Election of Guardians, Exceptions, and Awards, are in the lower part of the said Presses, kept regularly in Alphabets; and the Commissions of Perambulation, which are but few, are kept in one bundle, in a place set apart particularly in one of the said Presses.

(3.)—The most ancient Records in the Office are dated in the year 1569.

(4.)—The Office is kept in Derby-square, in the city of Dublin; and had a term of thirty-one years of the place where the Office is kept, of which term there are five years expired.

(5.)—The Books wherein the Rules and Orders are entered, have all regular alphabetical Tables to them, in the Names of the Plaintiffs; and the Commissions of Perambulation are indorsed on the back with the Persons' Names and Dates.

(6.)—The Office is enjoyed by Richard Tisdall, Esquire, and executed by William Cooper, his Deputy.

(7.)—There are no Records wanting, to my knowledge, since the date of the most ancient Record.

(8.)—I can give no account of the Records that were before the most ancient Records I now have, there being no inquiry for any such by any Person, since I enjoyed the office.

Richard Tisdall, Regr.

15th October 1723.

5. USHER.

The USHER of His Majesty's High Court of Chancery's ANSWER to the QUERIES put by the Honourable the Committee appointed to inspect the Public Records and Offices in this Kingdom.

5. Usher.

(1.)—THE Records of the Usher's Office consist of Recognizances, Affidavits, and Books of Entries of Statute Staples.

(2.)—The said Records are in Presses, ranged along the Office for that purpose.

(3.)—The most ancient Records are dated in 1639, 1661, 1668.

(4.)—The Office is kept in Derby-square, in the city of Dublin; and had a term of thirty-one years of the place where the Office is kept, of which term there are five years expired.

(5.)—The Office is enjoyed by Richard Tisdall, Esquire, and executed by him and William Huddleston, his Deputy.

(6.)—The Recognizances are enrolled; and there are Books wherein the Parties' Names are entered alphabetically, and numbered respectively, according to the enrolment of each Recognizance. The Books of Entries of the Statute Staples have alphabetical Tables in the several Parties' Names; and the Affidavits are put up alphabetically in Presses, in the Plaintiffs' Names.

(7.)—There are no Records wanting, to my knowledge, since the date of the most ancient Records.

(8.)—I can give no account of the Records that were before the most ancient I now have, there being no inquiry made for any such by any Person, since I enjoyed the said office.

Richard Tisdall,
Usher.

15th October 1723.

6. EXAMINER'S OFFICE.

The ANSWER of the CHIEF EXAMINER of His Majesty's High Court of Chancery in Ireland, to certain QUERIES proposed by the Order of the Honourable the Committee appointed to inspect the Public Records and Offices of this Kingdom, dated the 9th of October instant, to the Examiners of the said Court, or their Deputies, directed.

(1.)—THE Records of the said Chief Examiner's Office consist of Depositions of Witnesses taken in Causes in the said Court of Chancery, as well by Commission in the Country as before the said Examiner or his Deputy; as also of personal Interrogatories and Answers thereto, touching Contempts committed in breach of the Orders of the said Court, or otherwise.

(2.)—The said Records are lodged in Termly bundles, on shelves in square divisions, erected on one side of the said Office.

(3.)—The most ancient Records of the said Office are of Hilary Term 1661.

(4.)—The said Office is kept in Derby-square, in the city of Dublin; and hath a Lease of the House, where the said Office is kept, for 61 years.

(5.)—There are Books in the said Office, wherein are regularly entered the Plaintiffs' and Defendants' Names, in the several Causes between whom the said Depositions were taken or returned to the said Office, and the respective Terms and Years wherein they were so returned or taken; which Books have alphabetical Tables or Indexes to them, whereby speedy recourse may be had to any of the said Records.

(6.)—The said Chief Examiner's Office is enjoyed by William Cooper, Esquire; and executed by him and his sworn Deputy, Rowland Bradstock.

(7.)—There are no Records wanting, as the said Examiner or his Deputy knows of, since the date of the most ancient Record in said Office.

(8.)—Nor can they give any account of the Records that were before the most ancient the said Examiner now hath; there being no search or inquiry for any such by any Person, since the said Examiner enjoyed the said office.

William Cooper,
Ch. Ex^r.

16th October 1723.

7. SECOND EXAMINER.

The ANSWER of Daniel Reading, Esquire, SECOND EXAMINER of His Majesty's High Court of Chancery in Ireland, to certain QUERIES proposed by the Order of the Honourable the Committee appointed to inspect the Public Records and Offices in this Kingdom, bearing date the 9th of October instant, to the Examiners of the said Court, or their Deputies, directed.

7. Second Examiner.

(1.)—THE Records of the said Second Examiner's Office consist of Depositions of Witnesses taken in Causes in the said Court of Chancery, as well by Commission in the Country as before the said Examiner or his Deputy; as also of personal Interrogatories and Answers thereto, touching Contempts committted in breach of the Orders of the said Court.

(2.)—The said Records are lodged in Termly bundles, on shelves in square divisions, erected on one side of the said Office.

(3.)—The most ancient Records of the said Office are of Hilary Term 1661.

(4.)—The said Office is at present kept in Kennedy's-lane, in the House wherein the Chief Remembrancer's Office is kept, who has an interest in the said House, by Lease for 31 years, from 1717.

(5.)—There are Books in the said Office, wherein are regularly entered the Plaintiffs' and Defendants' Names in the several Causes between whom the said Depositions and Answers were taken and returned to the said Office, and the respective Terms and Years wherein they were so taken or returned; to which said Books there are alphabetical Tables or Indexes, whereby speedy recourse may be had to any of the said Records.

(6.)—The said Second Examiner's Office is, and hath for many years been, enjoyed by Daniel Reading, Esquire; and executed by him and his sworn Deputy, William Marshall.

(7.)—There are no Records wanting, as the said Examiner or his Deputy knows of, since the date of the most ancient Record in the said Office.

(8.)—Nor can they give any account of the Records that were before the said year 1661; there never having been any search or inquiry made for any such by any Person, since the said Examiner enjoyed the said office, as either he or his Deputy can remember.

All which is submitted to your Honours.

15th October 1723.

Daniel Reading.

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8. SIX CLERKS.

A LIST of such FEES as now are, or heretofore have been, constantly received by the SIX CLERKS of the High Court of Chancery; who are Purchasers of their Employments, and all Fees thereunto belonging, for valuable consideration.

FOR every Scire Facias, and Seal, 9*s.* 6*d.*:—For every Subpœna, to answer, 2*s.* 6*d.*:—For signing each Pleading, Exceptions and Interrogatories, Charges and Discharges, for the Persons, 3*s.* 4*d.*:—Appearance Fee for a Defendant, 3*s.* 4*d.*:—Attachment and Seal, 7*s.* 10*d.*:—Proclamation, Rebellion, and Seal, 9*s.* 6*d.*—Commission of Rebellion and Seal, and Docquet thereof, 9*s.* 6*d.*:—For a Docquet thereof, 1*s.*:—Serjeant at Arms, and Seal, 9*s.* 6*d.*:—Writ of Sequestration, and Seal, 13*s.* 4*d.*:—Upon Motion, 3*s.* 4*d.*:—Dedimus Potestatem to take an Answer, and Seal, 9*s.* 6*d.*:—For Transcript of Bill to annex to the Dedimus, Sixpence per Sheet; and Copies of Exceptions to Answer, 6*d.*:—For every Dedimus Test, and Seal, 9*s.* 6*d.*:—For every Subpœna to rejoin, and Seal, 5*s.*:—For every Subpœna to rebut, and Seal, 5*s.*:—For every Ad Testificandum, and Seal, 5*s.*:—For every Commission to examine Witnesses, and Seal, 9*s.* 6*d.*:—For every Subpœna for Costs, and Seal, 7*s.* 6*d.*:—For every Writ of Execution, and Seal, 13*s.* 4*d.*:—For every Subpœna to hear Judgment, and Seal, 5*s.*:—For Briefing of Causes, 2*d.* per Sheet:—For Copies of such Brief, close written on large pro pa. per Sheet, 1*s.*—For every Injunction, Certiorari, Habeas Corpus, Supersedeas, or any other Special Writ, and Seal, 9*s.* 6*d.*:—For Docquet of each Injunction, 1*s.*:—Fees on all Hearings in open Court, where Causes are set down to be heard in the Paper of Causes, 6*s.* 8*d.*:—For drawing every Bill of Costs to be taxed, when either Plaintiff or Defendant recovers Costs, 5*s.*:—For attending the Master of the Rolls on taxing Bills of Costs, and for attending at Lord Chancellor's in Vacation-time, or on References before the Master, 6*s.* 8*d.*:—For signing every Declaration or Pleading, in the Petty Bag Side, 3*s.* 4*d.*:—For Notice of Motion in writing, and serving the same, 2*s.* 6*d.*:—For every Motion on Extents or other Proceedings, in the Petty Bag Side, 3*s.* 4*d.*:—For drawing a Recognizance, 6*s.* 8*d.*:—For drawing a Decree on Dismission, per Sheet, and for enrolling, 8*d.*:—For Writs of Execution, in Chancery Hand, each Skin, 1*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*:—Termly Fee on each Bill, 3*s.* 4*d.*:—Termly Fee for a Defendant, 3*s.* 4*d.*:—Fee on setting down a Cause, 3*s.* 4*d.*

KING'S BENCH.

9. CROWN OFFICE.

The ANSWER of the CLERK OF THE CROWN and PROTHONOTARY of His Majesty's Court of King's Bench, to the QUERIES exhibited to him by the Honourable the Committee for inspecting the Public Records and Offices in this Kingdom.

9. Crown Office.

(1.)—THE Records kept in my Office are, the Pleas of the Crown, and the Civil Pleadings.

(2.)—The Records of the Pleas of the Crown are kept on the first floor, in a clean Room, in clean Presses, and on shelves; save the Records of Outlawry for Treason, which I keep in an iron chest in the said Office.

(3.)—The Records of the Civil Side are kept up one pair of stairs, in large Presses.

(4.)—The most ancient Records of the Pleas of the Crown, that I find in my Office, are the Outlawries for Treason, committed in the Rebellion, in the year 1641.

(5.)—Of the Civil Side, are the Proceedings in the reigns of Queen Elizabeth, King James I. and King Charles I.; but the Records of the Proceedings in each reign are not entire; nor had I ever any Index, or Alphabet of them, delivered to me.

(6.)—The Office is kept in Schoolhouse-lane; and I have a Lease for years of the said House, at 34*l.* per annum, besides taxes.

(7.)—I have Tables or Indexes from Michaelmas Term 1661, and not before; which are kept in Books well bound, and alphabetically digested.

(8.)—The Office is granted to me for my life, and after to Thomas Meredith, Esquire; and no other Person hath any interest in my Office; and is executed by me and my Deputies; that is, the Crown Side by Mr. John Bowden, and the Civil by Mr. John Whittle.

(9.)—I do not know that any Records are wanting; all I have ever seen are now in my custody. But I believe several, heretofore, have been removed from the King's Bench Office to Birmingham Tower.

Thomas Carter.

10. PROTHONOTARY.

The ANSWER of the DEPUTIES CLERKS OF THE CROWN and PROTHONOTARY of His Majesty's Court of King's Bench, to the QUERIES exhibited to them by the Honourable the Committee for inspecting the Public Records and Offices in this Kingdom.

(1.)—THE Records kept in the Office of the Clerk of the Crown and Prothonotary, are the Pleas of the Crown, and Civil Pleadings.

(2.)—The Records of the Pleas of the Crown are kept on the first floor, in a clean Room, in clean Presses, and on shelves, save the Records of Outlawry for Treason, which are kept in an iron chest in the said Office.

(3.)—The Records of the Civil Side are kept up one pair of stairs, in large Presses.

(4.)—The most ancient Records of the Pleas of the Crown, that we find in the Office, are the Outlawries for the Treason committed in the Rebellion in the year 1641.

(5.) —Of the Civil Side, are the Proceedings in the reigns of Queen Elizabeth, King James the First, and King Charles the First; but the Records of the Proceedings in each Reign are not entire; nor had we any Index, or Alphabet thereof, delivered to us.

(6.)—The Office is kept in School-house Lane; and Mr. Carter has a lease for years of the said House, at 34*l.* per annum, besides taxes.

(7.)—We have Tables or Indexes, from Michaelmas Term 1661, and not before; which are kept in Books well bound, and alphabetically digested.

(8.)—The Office is granted to Thomas Carter, Esquire, for his life, and after to Thomas Meredyth, Esquire; nor hath any other Person any interest in the said Office, that we know of; and is executed by us.

(9.)—We do not know that any Records are wanting; all we have ever seen are now in our custody. But believe several, heretofore, have been removed from the King's Bench Office to Birmingham Tower.

John Whittle, D^y^ Prothonotary.
John Bowden, D^y^ Clerk Crown.

COMMON PLEAS.

11. PROTHONOTARY'S OFFICE.

To the Honourable the Committee appointed to inspect the Public Records and Offices in this Kingdom.

May it please Your Honours,

IN obedience to Your Honours' Order, dated the 7th of October 1723, directed to the Prothonotary of His Majesty's Court of Common Pleas, or to his Deputy, the following Account of what is required by the said Order, is humbly laid before Your Honours by the Prothonotary's Deputy.

(1.)—What Records, and of what nature, are kept in your Office?——That the Records kept in the Prothonotary's Office of His Majesty's Court of Common Pleas in Ireland, consist of Judgments and Issues on Pleadings, in real, personal, and mixed Actions, commenced in the said Court; of the Entry of Recognizances, and revival of Judgments by Scire Facias.

(2.)—In what part of the Office are the Records of each kind kept?——That the said Records are kept in close Presses, in a Room one pair of stairs high, where the Prothonotary and his Secondary sit.

(3.)—Of what year are the ancientest Records in your Office?——That the ancientest Records in the said Office, are, one Roll of the 15th of Edward II.; one Roll of the 11th of Henry VI. There are also seven Bundles or Rolls of the 8th, 15th, 21st, 23d, 28th, 34th, and 38th years of Henry VIII.; one Bundle or Roll of the 1st of Edward VI.; one Bundle or Roll of the 1st of Queen Mary; eighteen Bundles or Rolls of the 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 11th, 13th, 15th, 18th, 22d, 23d, 27th, 30th, 31st, 33d, 35th, 38th, 41st, and 45th years of Queen Elizabeth; nine Bundles or Rolls of the 3d, 8th, 9th, 11th, 13th, 14th, 16th, 17th, and 21st years of King James I.; fourteen Bundles or Rolls of the 1st, 2d, 3d, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th and 19th years of King Charles I.; three Bundles or Rolls of the time of Oliver's Usurpation; twenty-three Bundles or Rolls of the reign of King Charles II.; five Bundles or Rolls of King James II.; thirteen Bundles or Rolls of King William and Queen Mary; thirteen Bundles or Rolls of the reign of Queen Anne; and nine Bundles or Rolls of the reign of His present Majesty King George.

(4.)—Where is the Office kept, and what interest the Officer has in the House or place where the Office is kept?——That the said Office is kept at the upper end of Wine Tavern Street; that the Officer hath an interest by lease for about 30 years to come in the House and Place where the said Office is kept.

(5.)—To what Records have you Tables or Indexes, and of what nature are those Tables or Indexes?——That there are no Tables or Indexes to any of the Records before the year 1660, except one old Book that

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is an Index to Recoveries in some of the said years; that to all the Records, from the year 1660 to this time, there are two Alphabets, one for the Plaintiffs, and the other for the Defendants, by which any matter entered upon those Records may be readily found.

(6.)—By whom is the Office enjoyed, and by whom executed?——That the said Office is now enjoyed by James Barry, Esquire, by virtue of a Patent for three lives, and is executed by Richard Fenner as his Deputy.

(7.)—Are there any Records wanting from the time your most ancient Records bear date, and which?——That there are many Records wanting from the time the most ancient Records bear date, to the year 1660, as may appear by the within Answer to the third Quere; and it is presumed they were lost, or perished, in the time of the War that happened in the year 1641, in this Kingdom; that since the year 1660 to this time, there are none of the Records wanting, but one small Bundle or Roll for the year 1662, which is lost, and is presumed happened by the frequent removing of the Office in the time of the present Prothonotary's Predecessors, until the Office was fixed where it now is.

(8.)—What account can you give of the Records wanting, and those before the most ancient you now have?——That no other account can be given of the Records wanting, or of those before the most ancient that we have, if there were any, for that no other Records came to the custody of the present Prothonotary, but those before mentioned to be in his custody.

All which is humbly submitted to your Honours, the 9th day of October 1723.

Richd Fenner, Secondary.

12. CHIROGRAPHER.

To the Honourable the Committee appointed to inspect the Public Records and Offices in this Kingdom.

The ANSWER of the CHIROGRAPHER of His Majesty's Court of Common Pleas, to be given in writing to the several QUESTIONS under written, pursuant and in obedience to Your Honours' Order of the 7th of October 1723.

12. Chirographer.

(1.)—WHAT Records, and of what nature, are kept in your Office?——The Records kept in the Chirographer's Office are, Indentures of Fines.

(2.)—In what part of the Office are the Records of each kind kept?——The said Records are kept in a street-room, in close Presses, clean and free from dust, made up against the wainscot dividing the hall or entry from the Office.

(3.)—Of what year are the ancientest Records in your Office?——The ancientest Records in the Office are of the 31st year of Queen Elizabeth's reign.

(4.)—Where is the Office kept; and what interest the Officer has in the House or place the Office is kept in?——The Office is kept in my Dwelling-house in Bride-street; of which house I have a term of about forty years to come, by a covenant in my lease.

(5.)—To what Records have you Tables or Indexes, and of what nature are those Tables or Indexes?——There are Books or Indexes of all the said Records, wherein is written the Year and Term when the Fine was levied, the County where the Lands lie, the Parties' names to the Fine, and as many of the principal denominations of Lands as the margin can contain; by which entries any Record may be readily found.

(6.)—By whom is the said Office enjoyed, and by whom executed?——The Office is enjoyed and executed by myself, being Patentee.

(7.)—Are there any Records wanting from the time your most ancient Records bear date, and which?——The Records I find wanting since the date of the most ancient, are of the first and second years of King Charles I.; and the Records from the 17th year of his reign, to the year 1655; and from the year 1659, to the 13th year of King Charles 2d's reign. From that time to this, I do not find any wanting.

(8.)—What account can you give of the Records wanting, and of those before the most ancient you now have?——The Records which appear to be wanting before the Rebellion of 1741, 'tis supposed, were then destroyed, and that there never were any Records in the time of that War, the Courts of Justice being generally shut up. Such as are wanting before the most ancient I have, I can give no probable account of; they, nor any other which are wanting, never were delivered to me or in my keeping.

Tho. Acton,
Chirographer.

EXCHEQUER.

13. CHIEF REMEMBRANCER'S OFFICE.

The ANSWER of the CHIEF and KING'S REMEMBRANCER of His Majesty's Court of Exchequer, to the QUERIES proposed by the Honourable the Committee appointed to inspect Public Records and Offices in this Kingdom.

(1.)—THE Records in the Chief Remembrancer's Office relate to the King's Title and Revenue, and consist of, Judgments on Informations of Intrusion, Informations on Penal Statutes, and Informations against the Accountants of the King; Judgments on Scire Facias, on Bonds, on Recognizances, and other Securities perfected to the use of the Crown, or assigned to the Crown by the Subject. In this Office are Inquisitions taken on the Dissolution of Monasteries and Abbeys, Inquisitions post Mortem, and some Inquisitions upon Attainders in 1688; as also Certificates upon the Claims of Soldiers and Adventurers after the Restoration; and Decrees of Innocence, and Connaught Certificates of transplanted Persons there. In this Office are also English Bills and Informations, Pleas, Answers, Demurrers, Exceptions, Replications and Rejoinders; Depositions taken by Commission; Orders and Decrees made between Party and Party.

(2.)—English Pleadings are kept below stairs, from Easter 1722 to this day; the Rolls of the Judgments, Decrees, Certificates of Soldiers and Adventurers, Connaught Certificates, Decrees of Innocence, are kept up one pair of stairs, in one Room, each kind by themselves, in Presses; English Pleadings, from Easter 1714 to Easter 1722, are kept up two pair of stairs, in a large Room; and in another Room are kept the Inquisitions and Depositions, in Presses, separately; English Pleadings, from Easter 1705 to 1714, are kept in the upper Floor; and the rest of the English Pleadings, before Easter 1705, are kept in a large Room in His Majesty's Inns.

(3.)—The ancientest Record in this Office, is of the 26th of Edward I.

(4.)—The Chief Remembrancer's Office is kept in Kennedy's-lane; and the interest the Officer has in the House where the Office is kept, is a term of 31 years from 1717.

(5.)—The first Book of Entries and Indexes for Bills and English Pleadings, begins the 19th June 1674, wherein the Plaintiff and Defendant's Names are inserted, with the year of our Lord, and the Term when filed. To most of the other Records there are Indexes and Repertories, expressing the Parties Names, the Term, Roll, and the King's reign.

(6.)—This Office is enjoyed by Henry Lord Palmerston; and executed by Daniel Reading, Esquire, Deputy, and four Secondaries; viz. Lewis Roberts, Esquire, Mr. Richard Vincent, Mr. Francis Anderson, and Mr. Robert Roberts.

(7. & 8.)—There are no Records wanting, to the knowledge of the present Officer, since he has enjoyed the same, the most exact care having been taken to preserve them, by him, and the Persons concerned under him; nor can he give any account of Records wanting before (if any) or how they came to be wanting, unless by means of the great length of time, the change of the Officers, the frequent rebellions, changes and revolutions that have happened in this Kingdom since the 26th of Edward I. He can give no account of Records before the 26th of Edward I.

Danl Reading,
Dep. Ch. Remembrancer.

16th October 1723.

14. SECOND REMEMBRANCER'S OFFICE.

The ANSWER of the LORD TREASURER'S REMEMBRANCER and SECOND REMEMBRANCER of His Majesty's Court of Exchequer, to the QUERIES put by the Honourable the Committee appointed to inspect the Public Records and Offices in this Kingdom.

14. Remembrancer's Office.

(1.)—THE Records kept in the Second Remembrancer's Office consist of—Books of the ancient Homages and Crown Rents that were payable to the Crown; Books of Rules and Orders conceived in the Revenue side of the Exchequer, relating to Quit Rents, Crown Rents, Composition Rents, Fines, Amerciaments, and Sheriffs' Accounts; Enrolments of Pleas to Scire Facias, in the nature of Quo Warranto, issued against the Charters of divers Corporations, and the Patents of divers Gentlemen who claimed several Privileges; Pleas to several charges of Quit Rents; Pleas of Traverses to Inquisitions on Outlawries, and the several Judgments given on them respectively; Enrolments of several Letters Patent, and several Deeds; Orders made up in the Notes conceived in Court; Affidavits concerning Quit Rents, Crown Rents, Debts due to the Crown, and Sheriffs' Accounts and Outlawries; Abstracts of divers Inquisitions taken by Escheators and Commissioners, on account of the Rebellions of 1641 and 1688, which were transmitted into the Exchequer from the High Court of Chancery; and Seizures, and Writs of Levari Facias, issued to the respective Sheriffs of the Kingdom, for Quit Rents, Crown Rents, Fines and Recognizances due to the King, with Inquisitions taken thereon; and also several Reports made by the Attorney General and Auditor General.

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(2.)—The Books of Rules and Orders are kept on Shelves in a Closet; and most of the Orders, from the year 1660 to the year 1720, are made up in bundles, in Presses in the same Closet, with Labels on each bundle, denoting the Term and Year they were respectively conceived. The Orders conceived since 1720 are, for the more safe keeping of them, entered in Books. The Enrolments and original Pleadings are kept in Presses in one side of the Office; several Books of Homages and Sheriffs' Accounts are kept on distinct Shelves in the same Presses; as are also Estreats of Outlawries, Affidavits, Reports, and Constats, distinctly made up, with proper inscriptions on them; and also, divers Writs issued out of the Office, with the Inquisitions and Returns made on them. The Rolls of Fines and Recognizances forfeited to the King are kept by Secondaries, who are sworn Attornies in the Second Remembrancer's Office and who make out Process on them.

(3.)—The most ancient Book begins in the year 1591; and the most ancient Enrolments are of the year 1605.

(4.)—The Office is kept in Derby-square, in the city of Dublin: the Officer has a term of sixty-one years, determinable at any time, on giving six months previous notice.

(5.)—There are Books of Repertories to the enrolled Records; and most of the Books of Rules and Orders have alphabetical Tables to them.

(6.)—The Office is enjoyed by Alderman John Stoyte, and executed by him and Richard Daniel.

(7.)—Does not know of any Records wanting, though several years pass without any Enrolments in the said Office.

(8.)—Cannot give any account of the Records wanting (if any,) nor of the Records before the most ancient in the Office.

J. Stoyte.

Pleas Office.

15. CLERK OF THE CROWN AND HANAPER.

To the Honourable the Committee of the House of Commons, appointed to inspect the Public Records and Offices of this Kingdom.

May it please Your Honours,

15. Clerk of the Crown and Hanaper.

IN obedience to Your Honours' Order of the 7th instant, directed to me, whereby I am required to answer in writing the several Queries therein and hereinafter mentioned; I have, in the best manner I can, answered the same, and put each Answer under each Quere, as follows:—

(1.)—What Records, and of what nature, are kept in your Office?—I have no Records in my Office, but Judgments and Issues made up upon Pleadings between Party and Party, and revival of Judgments by Scire Facias.

(2.)—In what part of the Office are the Records of each kind kept?—All the Records of my Office are kept in good Presses, well lined at the back, in one large Room up one pair of stairs, where I sit.

(3.)—Of what year are the ancientest Records in your Office?—The ancientest Records in my Office, which have come to my hands, begin at 1611.

(4.)—Where is the Office kept, and what interest the Officer has in the House or Place where the Office is kept?—My Office is kept in a large House in St. Michael's Lane; and my interest therein is nineteen years from the 25th of December next.

(5.)—To what Records have you Tables or Indexes, and of what nature are those Tables or Indexes?—I have Indexes or Alphabet Books of all Issues and Judgments entered in my Office, from the year 1660 to the present time; which Indexes or Tables are made up in two Alphabets, one of which contains the Names of the Plaintiffs, and the other the Names of the Defendants.

(6.)—By whom is the Office enjoyed, and by whom executed?—The Office is enjoyed by me, by virtue of a Patent for life; and likewise executed by me, and Mr. James Flack, as my Deputy.

(7.)—Are there any Records wanting from the time your most ancient Records bear date, and which?—There are, I fear, many Records wanting between the said year 1611 and the year 1660; and there are no Records to be found for several whole years, viz. for the year 1623, 1646, 1649, 1650, 1651, 1652, 1653, and 1654; which Records, from the year 1611 to the year 1660, were for many years left in the Office from whence I lately removed, thrown up, in a confused manner, on shelves in the Office; but when I removed them to my Office where I now am, I caused them to be made clean, and put into Presses, where they now are: but there are no Docquets of them, and I fear many of them are damaged by weather or vermin.

(8.)—What account can you give of the Records wanting, and of those before the most ancient you now have?—I am a stranger to the transactions in my Office before I was admitted to it; and can give no account of any Records of the said Office before the said year 1611, or of those that are wanting since that time.

All which I humbly submit to your Honours.

David Nixon.

9th October 1723.

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1. BIRMINGHAM TOWER.

To the Chairman of the Committee appointed to examine into the State of the RECORDS in Birmingham Tower.

1. Birmingham Tower.

THE Records in Birmingham Tower consist of upwards of fifty Patent Rolls, in the reigns of Edward III. Richard II. Henry IV. V. & VI.; Plea Rolls, Pipe Rolls, and other Rolls of various matters. They were given to me in great confusion, bundled up promiscuously in sacks; I have appointed a Deputy, who is putting them in order. There appears to have been an old Index of them; but, as I am informed several of them have been burned by fires at different times, this Index is of no use. There are very convenient Presses for keeping them; but the weather has penetrated through that placed against the west wall, in the course of the last winter, and damaged many of them.

W. Bury,
K. R. B. T.

Dublin, Birmingham Tower,
14th day of April, 1791.

To His Excellency Charles Duke of Rutland,
Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of Ireland.

The MEMORIAL of William Bury, of the City of Dublin, Esquire, KEEPER OF THE RECORDS in Birmingham Tower;

Sheweth,

THAT Your Memorialist in the year 1749 was appointed Keeper of the Records in the said Tower: That John Lodge, Esquire, deceased, who was appointed by the Right honourable Lord Farnham, Deputy Keeper of the said Records, and continued by your Memorialist during the time he acted therein, kept the same in regular order, and formed, for his own private use, a complete Alphabet and Index thereto: That in the year 1775 the Tower was taken down, in order to be rebuilt, when all the Records were put in a great number of sacks, and lodged in the Battle Axe Hall: That after the rebuilding of the said Tower, they were removed up into a small Room in the same, allotted for them; two-thirds at least of the whole floor on which they formerly had been kept in the said old Tower, having been taken off and appropriated as a Store

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Room for the use of the Housekeeper of the Castle, so that the remaining part was by no means sufficient for the arranging and settling the said Records, which were formerly in the said Tower: Yet in the year 1778, in the Administration of the Earl of Buckinghamshire, there was an order to your Memorialist, to receive from Nicholas Morrison, Esquire, the Summonister and Clerk of the Estreats, 226 Rolls and Records; which were accordingly received and deposited in your Memorialist's Office; but no Alphabet or Index thereto was sent therewith, which has greatly increased the embarrassments of the said Office: That there are but two old Books or Alphabets now to be found, referring to the Records which were in the Tower, which are very imperfect, so that it will be necessary to form and make new Books of Indexes and Alphabets, when the Records are adjusted and settled: But your Memorialist hath been informed by Mr. John Warburton, who was formerly Clerk to the said Lodge, as also by Gorges Edmond Howard, Esquire, that when he was writing his "Treatise on the Exchequer and Revenue of Ireland," he had made several searches for information in the said Office, which he readily found from the private Books kept by the said Mr. Lodge; which after his decease went into the hands of his Widow, who (your Memorialist is informed) hath been rewarded by a Pension of 300 *l.* a year for her life, and that of her son the Reverend Doctor William Lodge, for delivering up to Government his collection of Manuscripts, in his own handwriting; which are Abstracts taken from the Records in Birmingham Tower, the Rolls, and other Offices: That it is now necessary to have all the Records in the Tower adjusted and settled; but the place so lately allotted them, is so contracted and small, that they cannot be laid out for the purpose of adjusting them; nor can the Office be settled and served without another Room for your Memorialist and his Deputy, and to accommodate the Persons who may resort for Searches thereto.

May it therefore please Your Excellency to order your Memorialist such Book or Books as relate to his Office, which were so purchased from Mrs. Lodge, or that your Memorialist may be permitted to take a Copy thereof; as also such Rooms as originally and formerly were appointed for the use of his said Office, or such as are convenient and sufficient for the proper execution of this most important office to the Public; and your Memorialist engages to have new Indexes and Alphabets made, and to keep the Office as regular as any in the Kingdom; as also to grant unto your Memorialist the usual Allowance that every other Office hath, of Books and other Stationary Wares, as to Your Excellency shall seem meet.

And your Memorialist will pray, &c.

CHANCERY.

2. ROLLS OFFICE.

An Account of the Records of His Majesty's High Court of Chancery of Ireland; stating the Reigns in which they commence and end, and where they are kept, in what manner and under what heads assorted, and such as have Indexes to them; pursuant to the Order of the Honourable the Committee of the House of Commons of Ireland, appointed to examine into the State of the Records in the several Offices in this Kingdom.

2. Rolls Office.

RECORDS:—The Records in general of the High Court of Chancery of Ireland consist of Enrolments and Pleadings.

Enrolments:—Under this head are all Letters Patent or Grants from the Crown; public and private Acts of Parliament; Orders of Privy Council; all sorts of Deeds or Conveyances; Wills, Letters of Attorney; Certificates of the Conformity of Papists; Qualifications of Papists, and of Foreigners naturalized; Inquisitions; and Decrees of the High Court of Chancery.

Letters Patent, &c.:—These, with some other Enrolments, are the first on record, commencing in the 20th year of the reign of Edward II. and ending in the present year; to any of which, previous to the 22d year of the reign of Henry VIII. there is neither Alphabet or Index; but from that period down to the present time, there have been both Alphabets and Indexes duly kept of each succeeding reign, save that from the 9th of Charles I. to the end of his reign there is no Index, the reference to Enrolments during that period being from the Alphabet to the Records themselves, which with the several other Enrolments, both prior and subsequent, are bound up in rolls, with the years of the respective reigns in which they were enrolled, indorsed upon them, as also the numbers to which the Indexes refer. These Rolls are kept in Presses in the Record Room, under lock and key, and are in as good condition as their own antiquity and the injury of time will admit.

Acts of Parliament:—The enrolment of Acts of Parliament, commenced in the reign of Henry VI. which have been continued down to the present time. Some of these, prior to the reign of Henry VIII. are in bad condition, being almost wholly defaced. There is neither Alphabet or Index to these, prior to the reign of Jas. I.; but, from thence to George I. some few public and private Acts have been alphabeted and indexed. And from the reign of Ann, down to the present year, none but private Acts only have been indexed or alphabeted;

to

to which there are both. These Rolls, save as before mentioned, are in good order, and are kept as the other Records.

Inquisitions:—These commence the 20th year of the reign of Elizabeth, and end in the reign of William and Mary; there never was either Alphabet or Index to them. They are kept in bundles, with the respective Reigns in which they were issued, as also the County to which they were directed, indorsed upon them; and are kept in Presses like the other Records, in the Record Room.

Pleadings:—Bills, Answers, Pleas, Demurrers, Replications, and Rejoinders, come under this description; they commence in the year 1659, and end in the present. From the commencement of these Records to the year 1724, all Bills, Answers, Pleas, and Demurrers, were kept in bundles, in which state they still continue, distinguished and divided under the heads of their respective Six Clerks, with the years in which they were filed indorsed upon them; but since that period they have been assorted, and kept regularly arranged under the heads of their respective Six Clerks, in Presses made for that purpose, both in the Record Room and in the Deputy's Office, and are in good order. There are Books duly kept of these Pleadings, from the commencement to the present time, where they are alphabetically entered, and which are styled Bill Books, referring to the Parties Plaintiffs in every cause, the Proceedings had thereon, and the Six Clerks who filed the same. Replications and Rejoinders are at the end of every year assorted, tied up, and put on Files, with their respective Titles, and the year when filed, indorsed upon them.

Decrees:—These may be more properly styled Enrolments, under which head they are stated to belong, beginning since the reign of James II. in which they commence, down to the present time; kept in Rolls, like other Enrolments, alphabetically entered, with Indexes referring to these Rolls in manner hereinbefore mentioned.

T. T. Collis, and M. Franks,
Deputy Guardians of the Rolls.

3. CURSITOR.

In obedience to the Order of the Honourable Committee of the House of Commons, appointed to examine into the state of the Records of the several Offices of this Kingdom, and how the same are kept;

3. Cursitor.

WE do humbly certify, That there are Warrants and Precipes from the Lord Lieutenants, Lord Chancellors, Attorney Generals, Attornies and Solicitors, filed in said Office, for the different Writs which issue from thence under the Great Seal of Ireland, and are returnable into the High Court of Parliament, the Courts of King's Bench, Common Pleas, and Exchequer; which Precipes are the only Records lodged and remaining in said Office, and are made up in two Files for each year, and are carefully kept in Presses, in the manner they are brought into said Office for the different Writs which issue therefrom.

In what King's reign the Office of Cursitor commenced in this Kingdom, we cannot set forth with any degree of certainty. The earliest Precipes remaining in the Office, are of the year 1714. There are Precipes beginning in the year 1720, and continued down to this time, in good order; but, from their variety, Indexes could not be kept. There is an account of every Writ which has issued from said Office, since the appointment of the Honourable Joseph Hewitt to be Cursitor, 30th August 1782, to this time, carefully kept, and in good order. Given under our hands, this 22d day of April 1791.

Joseph Hewitt, Cursitor.
Wm M'Kay, Deputy Cursitor.

4. REGISTER.

To the Right Honourable and Honourable the Committee appointed to examine into the State of the Records in the several Offices of this Kingdom.

An Account, from the REGISTER OF THE COURT OF CHANCERY, pursuant to an Order from said Committee, of the nature of the Records in his Office.

4. Register.

THAT the Records of the said Office consist of Books, containing all Orders and Decrees, Pleadings, Appearances, and Attachments, of and in said Court, commencing in the year 1567, to the present year 1791, which are all in good condition; and those Books from the said year 1567, to the year 1664, are not indexed, but are labelled on the back of each Book, by describing the years regularly, and are kept in a good Press, with a proper reference to them, and locked up in a room or place called the Library, in the said Register's Office in Golden-lane. That said Books, from the said year 1664 to the present time, are all indexed, and are also labelled as aforesaid, and kept in a good Press in said Office, with a proper reference to them.

That there are also Matters of Record in said Office, under the titles of Petitions, Masters' Reports, Certificates, and Guardians' Accounts, Submissions, and Awards, from the year 1700, to the present year 1791; which are kept in alphabetical order, and in good Presses, with proper references to the same.

That there are also Depositions of Witnesses, closely sealed up, taken by virtue of Commissions to examine; as also Returns on Commissions of Perambulation, in said Office; which are in good order, in said Presses, locked up, and carefully kept as aforesaid. Which said several Matters are the Records in said Office; and it does not appear, from the nature of them, under what reign they respectively commence or end.

Dated the 25th day of April 1791.

Tho' Prendergast,
Deputy Register.

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5. CLERK OF REPORTS.

SIR

IN obedience to your Order, whereby I am required to lay before the Honourable Committee of the House of Commons, appointed to examine into the state of the Records in the several Offices of this Kingdom, and how the same are kept, " An Account in writing of the nature of the Records in my Office; under what " Reigns they commence and end; of the state and condition they are in, where they are kept, in what " manner, and whether assorted under different heads; and whether there are Indexes of the same, or of any " of them, and which of them;" I have the honour to inform you, that my Office of Clerk of the Report Office of the Court of Chancery, was created by the Statute 23d and 24th of the King, chap. 22d. The nature of the Records kept in this Office, is particularly ascertained by the before mentioned Statute: they consist of the Accountant General's Certificates of all Money and Effects of the Suitors of the Court of Chancery, which are paid in, or deposited in the Bank, pursuant to the Orders of the Court, and with the privity of the Accountant General; together with the Receipt of the Bank for such Money or Effects, annexed to the Certificates of the Accountant General, and also the Certificates of the Accountant General of all Money or Effects drawn by him out of the Bank. These several Certificates mention the Order, and the Cause in which such Money or Effects are paid in, or paid out of the Bank, and the name of the Person paying in, or directed to receive from the Bank, such Money or Effects. These Records are in a perfect state and condition; they are kept at my Office, No. 7, Bride-street, alphabetically, according to the Plaintiff's name in each Cause, and assorted in like manner, under the different heads of Money or other Effects paid in and paid out of the Bank. There are regular Books kept, in which each and every Cause has a Debtor and Creditor Account opened, specifying every sum of Money, and every other kind of Effects, belonging to the Suitors of the Court, which are certified by the Accountant General to have been paid in or out of the Bank; and a regular Index is kept, by which, at a moment's view, the Proceedings, Entries and Records, belonging to each Cause, can be turned to on the instant.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your most humble Servant,

Jervis-street, 28th April 1791.

John Pollock,
Clerk Rep. Office Chancery.

6. USHER.

In obedience to an Order of a Committee of the Honourable House of Commons, whereby the USHER of His Majesty's High Court of Chancery of Ireland was ordered to return an Account of the nature of the Records in his Office, their commencement, state and condition, and how and where kept and assorted; the following is given as a true Statement thereof:

6. Usher.

THE only Records in the Usher's Office are Affidavits: the earliest appear to have been filed in the year 1668, the 8th of Charles II., and are continued to the present time; they are kept in the Usher's Office at King's Inns, in alphabetical order, according to the Causes in which they were made and filed, each year separate, in Presses locked up, and are altogether in good condition; but there is no Index to them, nor does it seem necessary, the Title thereto, and the alphabetical manner in which they are placed, being in effect an Index. There are also in this Office, a variety of Deeds, Leases, Wills, Books of Account, Papers and Writings, lodged at different times previous to the year 1784, in obedience to Writs of Duces Tecum; they are also kept in alphabetical order, according to the different Causes in which they were deposited, locked up in Presses, some of them in Trunks as they were delivered, and in as good order (as is supposed) as when they were originally brought in; there is a Schedule or Account of them in the Office, by which they are easily referred to.

All which I certify this 24th day of January 1792.

James Thomson, Dr Usher.

7. & 8. EXAMINERS.

To the Honourable the Committee of the House of Commons, appointed to examine into the State of the Records in the several Offices of this Kingdom, and how the same are kept.

RETURN of the CHIEF EXAMINATOR's Office of His Majesty's High Court of Chancery of Ireland.

7. & 8. Examiners.

THE Records in this Office consist of personal Interrogatories, and Answers to personal Interrogatories; Interrogatories to Witnesses, and the Depositions of Witnesses examined thereon; and also Depositions of Witnesses examined by Commission in the Country: They commence in the year 1603, and are continued down to the present time. They are in a very good state and condition, are kept on Shelves, in Presses locked up, the Records of each Term tied up together, and the different Terms arranged one after the other according to their Dates, each particular Record entered in the Office Books, with the day it was received, and the Books alphabeted.

26th April 1791.

James Dickson,
Dr Chief Examinator.

The SECOND EXAMINATOR's Office of His Majesty's High Court of Chancery.

THERE was only one Examinator until King Charles I. created the Office of Second Examinator in said Court, and granted same to Sir Thomas Carey, Knight. But the Master of the Rolls having remonstrated against the right of the Crown to appoint to said Office, and claiming the appointment thereto as appurtenant to the Office of Master of the Rolls, the matter was referred to the Judges, who reported in favour of the Master of the Rolls, who has ever since appointed to said Office.

There does not appear any Record, or any Entry of any, in said Office, until a short time after the Restoration of King Charles II.

The nature of the Records in said Office. Interrogatories for examination of Witnesses in Causes depending in said Court are, at the option of the Solicitor concerned for the party, given by him either to the First or Second Examinator. The Second Examinator files all such as he receives in his Office, and the Witnesses are examined thereon, and their testimony taken in writing by the Second Examinator, or his Deputy. And Depositions of Witnesses examined by Commissioners are returned sealed up, on oath, to one of the Masters, who delivers same, so sealed up, to the Register of said Court, who enters same from the Indorsement thereon in his Book of Pleadings, and keeps them until they are to be published pursuant to order of said Court, when he delivers them either to the First or Second Examinator, or his Deputy. The Second Examinator files all such as he receives in his Office. Also in possessory Causes, personal Interrogatories exhibited to the Defendants, and their Answers thereto, are, at the option of the Solicitor or Six Clerk concerned for the party, given by him either to the First or Second Examinator. The Second Examinator files all such as he receives in his Office.

The Records in the Second Examinator's Office, commence in the reign of King Charles II., to wit, in Easter Term 1662, and continue from thence regularly to the present time. They are in good state and condition, kept in good Presses, in the Second Examinator's Office at the King's Inns. The Second Examinator and his Deputy only have access thereto. They are not assorted under different heads, but a separate Roll is made in each Term, and each Record is indorsed, rolled, and tied close, and placed in the Roll of the Term in which it is received, which Roll is kept in a careful, safe and convenient manner.

Each Record is entered in a bound folio Book immediately on its being received in said Office, which Book is regularly indexed, and each Term entered separately; the Deputy carefully compares the Entry with the Title of each Record.

1792, January 20th.

Thomas Tench, Deputy to
Frederick John Falkiner, Esq. Sec^{d} Eam^{r}.

9. CLERK OF THE FACULTIES.

In obedience to the Order of the Honourable Committee of the House of Commons, appointed to examine into the State of the Records in the several Offices of this Kingdom, and how the same are kept;

9. Clerk of the Faculties.

I DO humbly certify, That the only Records in the Office of Clerk and Register of Faculties, are contained in three Books; the first commencing the 19th July 1745, and brought down to this time:—That the Office of Clerk and Register of Faculties was appointed by Act of Parliament, 25 Hen. VIII. ch. 21. and sec. 9:—That in said Books are contained the Names of the several Clergymen to whom Faculties were granted, the Livings they were in possession of, with what they were enabled to take by said Faculty, and the estimated Tax payable to the several Officers concerned:—That the Faculty is annexed to the Lord Primate's Dispensation, passes under the Great Seal of Ireland, and is held by the Clergyman to whom granted:—That there are Indexes to the same Books, commencing 6th October 1757; and are carefully kept, and in good order, to this date.

Given under my hand, this 22d day of April 1791,

W^{m} McKay,
D^{y} Clerk and Reg^{r} of Faculties.

KING'S BENCH.

10. CLERK OF THE CROWN.

To the Right Honourable and Honourable the Committee of the House of Commons, appointed to examine into the State of the Records of the several Offices of this Kingdom, and how the same are kept.

10. Clerk of Crown

IN obedience to Your Honours' Order, made in the last Session of Parliament, whereby the Clerks of the Crown of His Majesty's Court of King's Bench are required to lay before the said Right Honourable and Honourable Committee, "An Account in writing of the nature of the Records in their Office, under what "reigns they commence, and of the state and condition they are in; where they are kept, and in what "manner, and whether assorted under different heads; and whether there are Indexes to the same, or any of "them, and which;" the following is our Report, in pursuance of the said Order; that is to say,—

Bills of Indictment for various crimes and offences, commencing in the first year of the reign of King William

and Queen Mary, and ending at the present time; which are all kept in Presses, numbered 1. 2. 3. 4. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 17. 18. in good condition, and assorted under different years, with Indexes to the same, commonly called Capias Books.—Crown Books, for the different Commissions of Oyer and Terminer for the County of Dublin and County of the City of Dublin, commencing in the fourth year of the reign of his late Majesty King George the Second, down to the present time; which are kept in Press No. 11. assorted under different years, in good condition, and properly labelled, without Indexes to the same.—Recognizances for said Commissions of Oyer and Terminer, commencing in the third year of the reign of King James II. down to the present time; as also, Recognizances taken in Term time, commencing in the year 1640, to the present time; which are kept in Presses Nos. 12. 16. and 21. assorted under different years. Some of those of an early period are decayed by length of time; but those of a later one are in good condition, properly labelled, without Indexes to the same.—Pardons for various crimes, commencing in the thirtieth year of the reign of King Charles II. down to the present time; which are kept in Press No. 21. in good condition, and placed one over the other, without Indexes to the same.—Rule Books for the different Terms, commencing in the eleventh year of the reign of King Charles I. and ending at the present time; which are kept in Press No. 12. Some of these Rule Books, of an early period, are not in good condition, on account of their being decayed by length of time; very badly made up and bound (such of them as were bound;) but others of a late period are in good condition, have regular Alphabets to them, and are assorted under different years.—Informations on behalf of His Majesty, and those in the nature of Quo Warrantos, with the different Pleas to each filed with them, commencing in the first year of the reign of King George I. down to the present time; which are kept in Press No. 20. in good condition, assorted under different years, and properly labelled, with references from the Rule Books of each particular year when such Informations were granted.—Records of Nisi Prius, and Posteas on Informations and Quo Warrantos, commencing in the 16th and 17th years of the reign of King George II. down to the present time; which are kept in Press No. 20. in good condition, and assorted under different years, properly labelled, with references to the Rule Books of each particular year when such Records have gone to be tried by Nisi Prius, and when they afterwards have been brought into Court, with the Posteas on them.—Enrolments of Indictments, Informations, and Presentments, commencing in the 11th year of the reign of King Charles II. down to the present time; which are kept in Presses Nos. 19. & 20. in good condition, assorted under different reigns, and properly labelled, without Indexes to the same.—Bills of Indictment found in Term time by the Grand Juries, commencing in the 8th year of the reign of Queen Anne, down to the present time; which are kept in Press No. 20. in good condition, and assorted under different years, with references to the Rule Books of the year when such Bills of Indictment were found.—Affidavits, commencing in the 3d year of the reign of King James II. down to the present time; which are kept in Presses Nos. 13. & 14. in good condition, upon Files rolled up, and assorted under the different Terms in each year, and properly labelled, without Indexes to them.—Writs of Mandamus, and Returns thereon, commencing in the 9th year of the reign of King William III. down to the present time; which are kept in Press No. 22. in good condition, assorted under different years, and properly labelled, with references to the Rule Books of each particular year when such Writs of Mandamus have been granted by the Court.—Personal Interrogatories, and Answers thereto, commencing in the 1st year of the reign of Queen Anne, down to the present time; which are kept in Press No. 22. in good condition, assorted under different years, and properly labelled, with references to the Rule Books of each particular year when Orders for such Interrogatories have been made by the Court.—Writs of Certiorari, commencing in the 7th year of the reign of King George I. down to the present time; which are kept in Press No. 22. in good condition, and assorted under different years, properly labelled, with references to the Rule Books of each particular year when Orders have been made for such Certioraris to issue.—Writs of Capias, Alias, and Pluries, Capias ut lagatum, Habeas Corpus, Subpœnas to Quo Warrantos, and Informations, Attachments, Venires, and Distringases, Executions and Writs of Assistance, commencing in the 2d year of the reign of King William and Queen Mary, down to the present time; which are kept on Files, in Presses numbered 15. and 21. Those of an early period, from length of time, are somewhat defaced; but those of a later period are in good condition, assorted under different years, and properly labelled, without Indexes to the same.—Writs of Exigents, commencing in the 2d year of the reign of King William and Queen Mary, down to the present time; which are kept on Files in Press No. 22. in good condition, assorted under different years, and properly labelled, without Indexes to the same.—Writs of Error, commencing in the 2d year of the reign of his late Majesty King George II. down to the present time; which are kept on Files, in Press No. 22. in good condition, assorted under different years, and properly labelled, without Indexes to the same.—Presentments for the County of Dublin and County of the City of Dublin, together with the Quere and Presentment Books, Plans and Estimates thereto belonging, commencing in the 9th year of the reign of Queen Ann, down to the present time; which are kept in Presses Nos. 6. 15. 16. and 23. in good condition, assorted under different years, properly labelled, with references from the Presentment Books to the same.—On Trials respecting Corporations, the Books belonging to each Corporation Town are at times lodged with the Clerk of the Crown of the Court of King's Bench, to be produced, if necessary, on such Trials; and, at present, the Corporation Books for the Borough of Dingle are lodged in said Office, and are Records thereof.

All which we humbly certify, this 14th day of January 1792.

Andrew Carmichael & William Bradshaw,
D. C. Cr.

11. PROTHONOTARY'S OFFICE.

JUDGMENTS by Cognovit are made up in several Rolls, from 13th Charles II. in numerical order; these are all entered alphabetically in several Books, from that period; and any Judgment can be referred to in a short time from the Alphabets, and from which the negative Certificates are made out:—Judgments in Case, Replevin, and Ejectment, are also enrolled since that period, and likewise entered alphabetically in the same Books; and the Rolls numbered, the more readily to turn to them:—The original Pleadings when enrolled, being of no further use, are put into Presses, and there kept:—Posteas on Records, Writs of Inquiry, and Inquisitions, and Scire Facias, with Pleas on which there have not been Judgments, are likewise kept in Presses for that purpose:—Affidavits of the service of Ejectments, and Affidavits made in different Causes which have been and are depending in the Court, are classed together in separate years; Executions and other Writs, called Judicial Writs, are classed in same manner; as are all other Writs which issue from, and are returned into the Court:—Memorials of the Assignments of Judgments, kept in Presses for that purpose:—Books, wherein the Rules of the Court are entered from 1721, are kept in Presses for that purpose:—Certificates of Conformity, beginning May 1704; and Oaths of Qualification, from 1691 to the present time; are kept in Presses for that purpose.—The foregoing is an Account of the Records in the Prothonotary's Office of His Majesty's Court of King's Bench in Ireland.

James Hamilton,
D^{y} Prothonotary.

21st April 1791.

12. FILACER.

THE Records and Pleadings in this Office are the following:—Several Books, in which Entries have been made in alphabetical order, of Declarations in Case, Debt, Ejectment, Replevin, &c. beginning Michaelmas 6th Anne, and continuing to the present time:—Declarations in various species of Actions, such as Case, Debt, Ejectment, Replevin, &c. on which there has not been any Judgment entered; these are put promiscuously on one File each Term, as they come in; and are regularly numbered, and tied up in separate years, with labels to point out each year, and alphabeted in Books, which refer to the number of each:—The several Pleas, Demurrers, Replications, Avowries, &c. to these Declarations, are in like manner put on separate Files of the Terms in which they come in, and are numbered and alphabeted in like manner as the Declarations, and tied up with them, in separate years, down to the present time:—Bail Pieces and Recognizances; the Bail Pieces, to the end of 1763, are tied together; those from 1763 to the present time are kept on different Files; from 1770, they are regularly numbered and alphabeted, and are kept in Presses for that purpose.—The foregoing is an Account of the Records in the Filacer's Office of His Majesty's Court of King's Bench in Ireland.

Thomas Church,
D^{y} Filacer.

21st April 1791.

COMMON PLEAS.

13. CUSTOS BREVIUM.

Pursuant to the Requisition of the Honourable Committee of the House of Commons, appointed to examine into the State of the Records in the several Offices of this Kingdom, and how the same are kept.

An ACCOUNT of the Records in the Office of the CUSTOS BREVIUM of the Court of Common Pleas in Ireland.

NATURE of the RECORDS.	REIGNS commencing, &c.	State and Condition.	Where kept, and in what Manner.	Heads under which they are assorted.	INDEXES.
Writs of Covenant and Dedimus potestatem, whereon Fines have been acknowledged, and levied; with Precipes, Concords, and Affidavits of such Fines, annexed thereto.	Commencing in the Reign of King James the First, and continued to the present time.	In perfect state, and good condition.	Kept at the New Buildings Inns Quay, on Files for each Term, in Presses.	Writs of Covenant, Precipes, and Concords, &c.	Regular Indexes.
Original Writs of all kinds issuing out of the Court of Chancery, and returnable into the Court of Common Pleas; and Executions and Writs of all kinds issuing out of said Court of Common Pleas, after Execution and Return made thereon, and filed.	Commencing in the Reign of King Charles the Second, and continued to the present time.	In reasonable perfect state and good condition in and since the Reign of Queen Anne; except Process of Outlawry and Exigents, which are little better than lumber, being scarcely ever sought after, and never beyond 6 or 7 years back.	Kept as above.	Writs filed. Process of Outlawry. Exigents. Capias utlagatum and Inquisitions thereon.	

Writs of Entry and Dedimus whereon Common Recoveries have been suffered, Writs of Scire Facias, Venire Facias, and Inquiry of Damages, though Records of the Office of the Custos Brevium, are and always have been filed and kept in the Prothonotary's Office, on account of their particular connection with the Records of that Office, and the more proper and expeditious conducting the Business.

William Fenner, Dep. to
Thomas Acton, Esq. Custos Brevium,
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14. PROTHONOTARY'S OFFICE.

An Account of the nature of the RECORDS in the Office of the Right Honourable the Earl of Farnham, PROTHONOTARY of His Majesty's Court of Common Pleas in Ireland.

RECORDS or Enrolments of all Common Recoveries suffered in the said Kingdom, in and since the year 1663, the 15th year of the reign of Charles II. and in every year in every subsequent Reign to this time; and of all Deeds enrolled in the said Office, making Tenants to the Freehold for the suffering such Recoveries; and of all Deeds enrolled, leading or declaring the uses of such Recoveries:—Records or Enrolments of all Judgments obtained on Verdicts, Confession, and by Default, on Actions in Dower, Partition, Quare Impedit, Prohibition, Trespass in Ejectment, on the Case, or in Debt, or in any other Action, from the said year 1663 to this time; and of the Revivals, Assignments, and Satisfactions of such Judgments, during the same period.—The said several Records or Enrolments are entered, and written or engrossed in Court Hand, from the said year 1663 until the end of the year 1738; and from the said year 1738 to this time, are written or engrossed in the common English Hand; and are in complete state and condition; and are kept in the Office of Prothonotary, at the King's Inns Dublin, in the new Buildings lately erected, in substantial deal Presses provided for the purpose, in periodical order; and are assorted under the heads of, Enrolments of the Terms, in the year of the King's Reign which they contain, and are so indorsed on a vellum Roll or Cover which contains the said Records of the said Judgments of each respective Year and Term.

There are Alphabetical and Vicontiel Books of Entries or Indexes of the said several Common Recoveries, and of the Enrolments of the said several Deeds.—There are Alphabetical Books or Indexes of the said several Judgments, signifying the names and additions of the Persons against whom such Judgments have been obtained, at whose suit, and for what sum, and on what day entered, in what Term and Year, and the Number of the Roll on which each Judgment is contained; by resorting to which Number, it immediately appears whether such Judgment be assigned or satisfied, in force or discharged.

Robert O'Hara, Deputy to
Lord Farnham, Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas.

15. FILACER'S OFFICE.

To the Honourable the Committee of the House of Commons, appointed to examine into the State of the Records in the several Offices of this Kingdom, and how the same are kept.

15. Filacer.

THE following are the Books and Records in the Filacer's Office of His Majesty's Court of Common Pleas.—Entries of Outlawries, which issued of said Court, are kept in Presses, in alphabetical Books, in the following order:—1st, Book from 1693, 5 Wm. & Mary, to 1705, 4th Anne. [Note, there is no Book from 1705 to 1727.]—2d, Do from 1727, 1 Geo. II., to Easter 1737, 11 Geo. II.—3d, Do Trinity 1737, 11 Geo. II. to Michaelmas 1743, 17 Geo. II. The above are in Court Hand; the following in English.—4th, Do Hilary 1743, 17 Geo. II., to Easter 1751, 24 Geo. II.—5th, Do Trinity 1751, 24 Geo. II., to Easter 1761, 1 Geo. III.—6th, Do Trinity 1761, 1 Geo. III., to Michaelmas 1772, 13 Geo. III.—7th, Do Hilary 1773, to Easter 1781.—8th, Do Trinity 1781, to Michaelmas 1788.—9th, Do Hilary 1789, to Hilary 1791.—— Appearances to Actions, real, personal, and mixed, from 1714 to Hilary 1791, are alphabetically kept in Books, in Presses in said Office.—Bail to all Actions are kept in the same Books, and in the like order.—Entries of all Mesne Process to inforce Appearances, are kept in Books, from 1776 to Hilary 1791, without any Alphabet. There was no Entry of those Writs before that period.—Records of Judgments by Default in Dower, beginning in the reign of Charles II. without any Term, Year, or Index, to 1727, 1 Geo. II. The like, from 1727, with their respective Terms and Years, to this time. There is also a Book, in which the last-mentioned Records are entered, without Alphabet.

Patrick Clancy,
Dr Filacer

16. EXIGENTER'S OFFICE.

To the Honourable the Committee of the House of Commons, appointed to examine into the State of the Records in the several Offices of this Kingdom, and how the same are kept.

16. Exigenter.

THE Exigenter of the Court of Common Pleas keeps no Records, his duty being only to sign all Exigents, an Entry of which is under the title "Outlawry," in the Filacer's Return.

Patrick Clancy,
Depr Exigenter.

17. CLERK OF THE ERRORS AND ESSOIGNS.

To the Honourable Committee of the House of Commons, appointed to examine into the State of the Records in the Kingdom of Ireland.

An ACCOUNT of the Records belonging to the Office of CLERK OF THE ERRORS AND ESSOIGNS, of the Court of Common Pleas.

RECORDS in Error transmitted from inferior Courts, by Writs of Error at different times returnable into the Court of Common Pleas, commencing the first year of the reign of George I. (under the titles of, Records in Error, and Transcripts of Records in Error) to this time.—Writs of Error lodged in said Court, returnable into the Court of King's Bench, have been there transmitted, annexed to the Records to which they refer, taken from the Prothonotary's Roll.—There are some Writs of Error during the above time, on which no Proceeding was ever had, and which remain in said Office under the title of Writs of Error.—Essoigns cast in said Court in real Actions, commencing the 24th year of the reign of George II. to this time, under the title of Essoins.—There being so few of those Records, and not being any reference from others requiring them to be resorted to, there never have been any Indexes kept of them, nor is the same necessary: They are kept in a deal Press in the Office of the Court of Common Pleas at the King's Inns, and are in good order.

Andrew Reid,
Clerk of the Errors & Essoigns.

EXCHEQUER.

18. COMPTROLLER OF THE PIPE.

To the Honourable Committee of the House of Commons, appointed to examine into the State of the Records in the several Offices of this Kingdom.

An ACCOUNT of the Records in the Office of COMPTROLLER OF THE PIPE in His Majesty's Exchequer.

18. Comptroller of the Pipe.

THE Writs of Green Wax Process, which have been issued by the Comptroller of the Pipe to the several Sheriffs in this Kingdom, and which have been returned by them, from the 6th to the 30th year, both inclusive, of His present Majesty's reign: As soon as the Processes are returned by the Sheriffs, they are tied up and kept in bundles, each year separate.—The Estreats of Recognizances forfeited, and Fines imposed, at the Quarter Sessions, Assizes, and Commissions of Oyer and Terminer, held in and for the several Counties and Cities throughout the Kingdom; returned by the Clerks of the Peace, Crown, and Nisi Prius, to the Second Remembrancer of His Majesty's Court of Exchequer, and by him handed over to the Comptroller of the Pipe. These Estreats are kept by the Comptroller on Files, in alphabetical order, commencing the 27th and ending the 31st year, both inclusive, of His present Majesty's reign. —The Writs of Green Wax Process issued by the Comptroller of the Pipe to the Collectors of forfeited Recognizances, with their Returns thereon, from the 28th to the 30th year, both inclusive, of His present Majesty's reign. These Processes, as soon as returned by the Collectors, are put on Files, in alphabetical order, each year separate.

All the Estreats, Collectors' and Sheriffs' Process, are kept in the Comptroller of the Pipe's Office, 30, Golden-lane.

Examined—*Thomas Browne,* and *Fra. Inº Fullerton,* Dʸ Cʳˢ. } *E. & G. W. Tighe,* Comptʳˢ of the Pipe.

19. TRANSCRIPTOR AND FOREIGN APPOSER.

SIR,

19. Transcriptor and Foreign Apposer.

IN Obedience to the Order of the Honourable Committee of the House of Commons, appointed to examine into the state of the Records in the several Offices of this Kingdom, and how the same are kept; whereby I am directed to give "An Account in writing of the nature of the Records in my Office, under what Reigns they commence and end, of the state and condition they are in, where they are kept, in what manner, and whether assorted under different heads; and whether there are Indexes to the same, or any of them, and of which:"

I beg leave to inform you, that the Summonister's Processes of the Court of Exchequer, upon being returned by the several Sheriffs of this Kingdom, are filed of Record in my Office. The earliest of those delivered to me by the Representatives of the late Mr. Burroughs, my predecessor, commence from the

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5th year of the reign of his late Majesty King George II. (1731) and are continued to the present time. They are in as perfect a state and condition as Records of the kind can well be: some of them whilst in possession of the Sheriffs have met with accidents, are somewhat torn and abused; others, by being negligently engrossed on bad or greasy parchment, are somewhat obliterated; but by far the most of them are in a perfect state and condition. They are kept in Presses in my house, and are assorted alphabetically, in the order of the several Counties: there are not any Indexes to them, or any of them, but can be resorted to easily, by reason that each Roll is indorsed with the name of the County, and date of the Process, and placed alphabetically (as before mentioned) according to the names of the several Counties.

If any further information should appear to you to be requisite, respecting the nature and custody of the Records of my Office, I request that you will have the goodness to believe, that as it is my duty, so it is my inclination, to acquaint the Honourable Committee (of whom you are Chairman) with every circumstance respecting them.

With very great respect,
I have the honour to be, &c.

John Pollock,
Transcriptr and Foreign Apposer.

20. CLERK OF ESTREATS.

To the Honourable the Committee of the House of Commons appointed to examine into the State of the Records of the several Offices of this Kingdom, and how the same are kept.

20. Summonister and Clerk of the Estreats.

IN Obedience to your Honours' Letter, directed to me as Clerk of the Estreats of the Court of Exchequer, I have examined same, and certify as follows:

That in or about the month of June, 1778, I, as Summonister and Clerk of the Estreats of said Court of Exchequer, did, by a Memorial directed to his Excellency Lord Buckingham, then Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, represent that the Rolls of said Office were become very numerous and voluminous, there then being in my possession Rolls of said Office for near 100 years: That on the 17th day of June I received his Excellency's Warrant, directed to William Bury, Esquire, Keeper of the Records in Birmingham Tower, to receive said Records: That on the 30th of June in said year, I delivered and lodged in said Tower, 226 Rolls of Estreats, ending in the year 1759, in the reign of King George II.; and received from John Warburton, Deputy Keeper to said William Bury, a receipt for the same, which were lodged in Presses prepared for that purpose in said Tower; a Copy of which Warrant and Receipt I hereunto annex: That the Estreats and Recognizances of all Assizes and Sessions of this Kingdom were formerly filed in said Summonister's Office, until a late Act of Parliament, passed in the year 1787, directing said Estreats to be filed with the Comptroller of the Pipe, and that Process thereon should be directed to the Collectors of each County, instead of the Sheriffs, as formerly: That such Estreats as were formerly returned into said Summonister's Office, and such Estreats as have been returned since said Act passed, where no Collectors are appointed of each County, City and Town, in this Kingdom, are alphabetically strung, filed, and formed into two Rolls for each year, and indorsed Hilary and Trinity Terms in each year (the usual Terms for issuing Green Wax Process thereon) and so assorted and filed, that Searches can be easily made therein: That since the said year 1759, ending in the reign of his late Majesty King George II. (being thirty-one years and a half) there are, and now remain filed in my Office, 63 Rolls of said Estreats, being two Rolls yearly, strung, filed, and assorted as aforesaid, which are kept in good state and condition, locked up in deal Presses, in my House in York-street.

Nicholas Morrisson,
Summr & Clerk of Estreats.

(Warrant:)

By the Lord LIEUTENANT GENERAL and GENERAL GOVERNOR of IRELAND.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

WHEREAS Nicholas Morrisson, Esquire, Summonister and Clerk of the Estreats of His Majesty's Court of Exchequer in this Kingdom, hath represented unto Us, that the Estreats of all Recognizances forfeited, and Fines imposed, at every Assizes and Sessions for each County in this Kingdom, are twice in each year filed and recorded in his Office: That the Rolls of the said Office are now become very numerous and voluminous, there being now in his possession Rolls for near 100 years: That he apprehends there is no necessity to have kept in said Summonister's Office, for the use of His Majesty's Revenue, any Rolls further back than 20 years: That the proper place for the safe keeping of those old Records, is Birmingham Tower, in His Majesty's Castle of Dublin: And having applied to Us for Our order for you to receive the said old Records; and it appearing to Us to be proper that the same *should* remain under your care and in your custody; We do hereby direct and require you to receive them from the said Nicholas Morrisson, and to lodge them safely in Birmingham Tower, in His Majesty's Castle of Dublin, accordingly. Given at His Majesty's Castle of Dublin, the 17th day of June 1778.

By his Excellency's Command,
Ri. Heron.

To Wm Bury, Esquire,
Keeper of the Records in Birmingham Tower.

(A true Copy) *John Warburton.*

(Receipt.)

RECEIVED from Nicholas Morrisson, Esquire, (Summonister and Clerk of the Estreats of His Majesty's Court of Exchequer in Ireland) by an Order of his Excellency John Earl of Buckinghamshire, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, bearing date the 17th day of June, 1778, and as Keeper of the Rolls in Birmingham Tower, in His said Majesty's Castle of Dublin, Two hundred and twenty-six Rolls of Estreats of Recognizances and Fines, estreated into the said Court of Exchequer, for and to the year One thousand seven hundred and fifty-nine included. Received same this 30th day of June One thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight.

— 226 Rolls. —

John Warburton,
Dep^{y} Keeper of the Records in Birmingham Tower.

21. CHIEF REMEMBRANCER'S OFFICE.

An ACCOUNT of the RECORDS in the Chief Remembrancer's Office of the Court of Exchequer; the Reigns they commence and end; the State and Condition they are in, and where; and in what manner they are kept.

THE Red Book of the Exchequer, containing the Record of Magna Charta, the Statute of Glo'ster, the Oaths to be taken by the different Officers of the Exchequer, &c. &c.—Rolls of Fines, Pleas, and Amerciaments, from the reign of Edward I. to the reign of James II. labelled and assorted.—Inquisitions, from the reign of Henry VIII. to the reign of William and Mary, on the Forfeited Estates and Church Livings in this Kingdom.—Decrees for Innocents, made by the Commissioners appointed for the better settlement of the Kingdom of Ireland, and satisfaction of the several interests of Adventurers Soldiers and others, in the reign of Charles II.—The Connaught and Athlone Certificates to Adventurers Soldiers and others.—Charges, Discharges, and Reports on Decrees to Account, from 1680 to Michaelmas Term 1791, in alphabetical order.—Depositions of Witnesses taken in aid of Accounts, from 1680 to 1791, in the like order.—Liber ad Valor Beneficiorum, showing the Value of Church Livings.—Cant Books, Deed Books, Deposit Books, and Reference Books, properly labelled, from 1700 to 1791.—Repertorium for the Inquisitions and Decrees of Innocents.—Bills, Answers, Exceptions, Replications and Rejoinders, from the year 1674 to 1791; each Term's Pleadings together, and according to their dates.—Bill Books and Appearance Books, from 1674 to 1791, labelled, and in good condition.—Affidavits from 1655 to 1791, in alphabetical order.—Depositions of Witnesses taken in chief, from 1655 to 1791, in the like order.—Decrees before the year 1641.—Decrees from 1641 to 1791; each year's Decrees tied up in Bundles, and properly labelled, and in good condition.—Enrolments of the Decrees of the Court of Exchequer, from 1641 to 1791.—Consents, Submissions, and Awards, from 1674 to 1791, properly labelled.—Writs of Partition, Commissions of Perambulation, and Surveys, from 1674 to 1791.—Petitions for Re-hearings, and Certificates of Verdicts, from 1674 to 1791.—Repertorium Book for the Depositions of Witnesses, from 1655 to 1791.—Order Books, Rule Books, and Books of Hearings, from 1674 to 1791, properly labelled, and in good condition.—Orders of the House of Lords of Great Britain and Ireland on Appeals, from the year 1700 to the present time, labelled, and in good condition.—Recognizance Books, from the year 1661 to 1790, with proper Indexes.—Rule Books, from the year 1655 to the year 1791, with proper Indexes.—Informations at the Suit of His Majesty, and Answers thereto, from 1669 to the year 1791.—Bond Books, from the year 1694 to the year 1791, with proper Indexes.—Attachment Books, Commission and Subpœna Books, from 1664 to the year 1791, with proper Labels and Indexes.—Personal Interrogatories thereto, from the year 1700 to the year 1791, with proper Indexes.—Reducement Books of Fines, from the year 1684 to the present time, with the proper Indexes.—Petitions of Attornies, and against Attornies, from the year 1713 to the year 1791.—Enrolments of Custodiams, from the year 1678 to the year 1791, in good order and condition.

I do hereby certify, that the foregoing Records are kept in my Office in the manner before specified, and that the same are safely kept and properly preserved. Dated this 18th day of January 1792.

Clanbrassill.

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22. PLEAS OFFICE.

To the Right Honourable and Honourable the Committee of the House of Commons, appointed to examine into the state of the Records of the several Offices of this Kingdom, and how the same are kept.

An ACCOUNT of the nature of the RECORDS of the Pleas Office of the Exchequer; of the time they commence, of their state and condition, how and where kept, and how assorted.

22. Clerk of the Pleas.

THE Records kept in the Pleas Office of the Court of Exchequer, are—Judgments, of different species; to wit, on Cognovit, Postea, Inquisitions, Scire Facias, by Nil Dicit and in Ejectment. Those Judgments commence in the reign of King Charles II. in the year 1660, and continue to the present time: They are fairly transcribed on Rolls of Parchment; which Rolls are tied up, each Term by itself, neatly indorsed, and carefully kept in locked Presses.—There are Books, fairly written and carefully preserved, wherein the Parties' Names are alphabetically entered, with a reference to the number of the Roll of each Judgment, so that any Judgment entered in this Office, from the year 1660 to the present time, may be immediately inspected.—The Memorials of the Assignment of such of the above-mentioned Judgments as are assigned, are kept, each year by itself, on a File. The Memorials are regularly kept, and easily referred to, since the 9th year of George II. when Judgments, by an Act of Parliament made in that year, became assignable. When any Judgment is assigned, an entry is made of the same on foot of the Judgment Roll, to whom the same is assigned, with reference to the Memorial; and if satisfied, the Satisfaction is entered on the foot of the Judgment Roll, and is signed by a Baron and an Attorney.—The original Files of Cognovits, after they are transcribed on the Judgment Roll, are tied up, each Term separately, and kept in the lower shelves of the Presses that contain the Enrolments. The original Files of Judgments on Postea, Inquisition, Scire Facias, by Nil Dicit, and in Ejectment, are carefully deposited in a Room kept for that purpose.—There are also regularly kept on shelves in the Office, Books wherein the Rules and Orders of the Law Side of the Court of Exchequer are entered, from the year 1713, and continue regularly to the present time: they are fairly written, and easily referred to, as each Book has annexed an alphabetical Index of the Parties' Names, and page of each Rule which such Book contains.—The Affidavits filed in this Office are kept on Files, each Term separately: they are deposited in locked Presses, in regular order, and easily referred to for fifty years past.—The Declarations, Pleas, and subsequent Pleadings, are kept on Files, each Term separately tied up, and deposited in locked Presses. Those Pleadings are regularly entered in the Declaration Book, which is fairly written, and contains an alphabetical Index of the Parties' Names, with references to the Pleadings themselves. Those Files are seldom referred to after four or five years elapse: They are, however, regularly kept, and easily referred to for twenty years past.—The Posteas and Inquisitions returned into this Office, and whereon Judgment has not been marked, are kept on Files, each year by itself: they are deposited in the Store Room, which is kept locked, and are easily referred to for twenty years past.—The Attachment Book, Appearance Book, and Bail Book, are fairly written, with proper Indexes of the Parties' Names. Those Books are seldom referred to after a few Terms; they are, notwithstanding, easily referred to for upwards of twenty years past.—The Writs returned by the different Sheriffs into this Office, are carefully put on separate Files, according to the nature of the Writ, and of the Return made thereon: they are deposited in the Store Room and easily referred to for twenty years past.

The Office is at present kept in the Deanry House, in Fishamble-street.

Clonmell,
Clerk of the Pleas.

16th April 1791.

AN ELEVATION OF THE FOUR COURTS, AND PUBLIC LAW OFFICES, DUBLIN.

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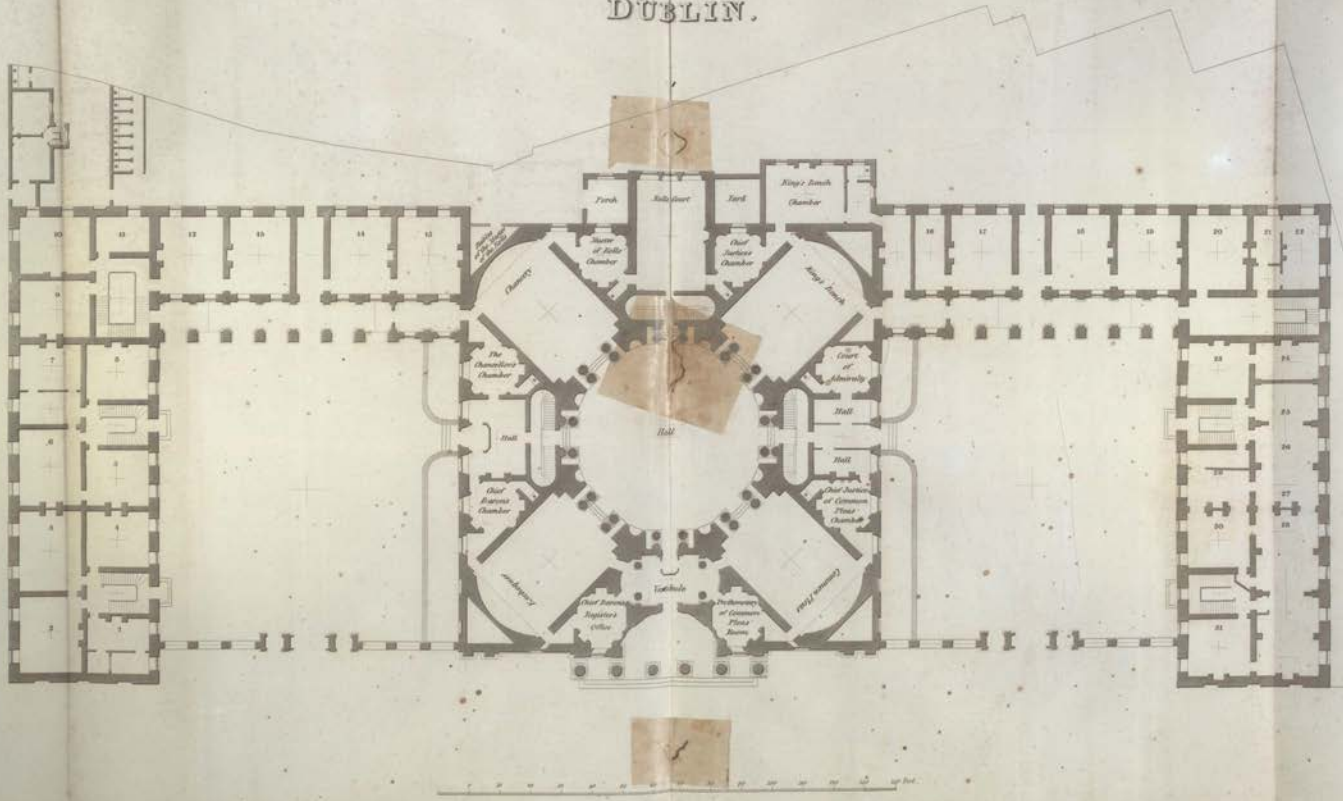
GROUND PLAN, AND ENTRANCE OF THE FOUR COURTS, AND PUBLIC LAW OFFICES,

DUBLIN.



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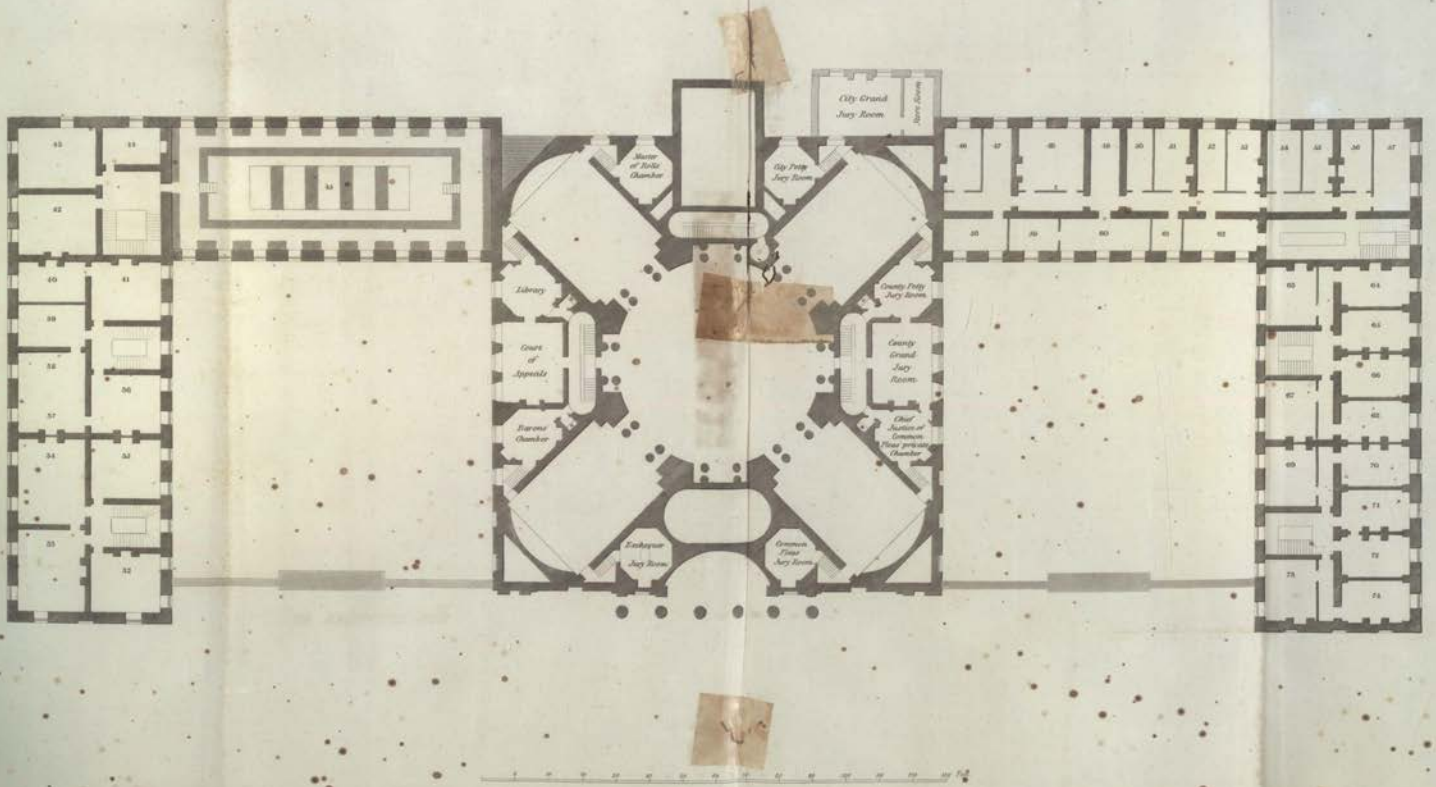

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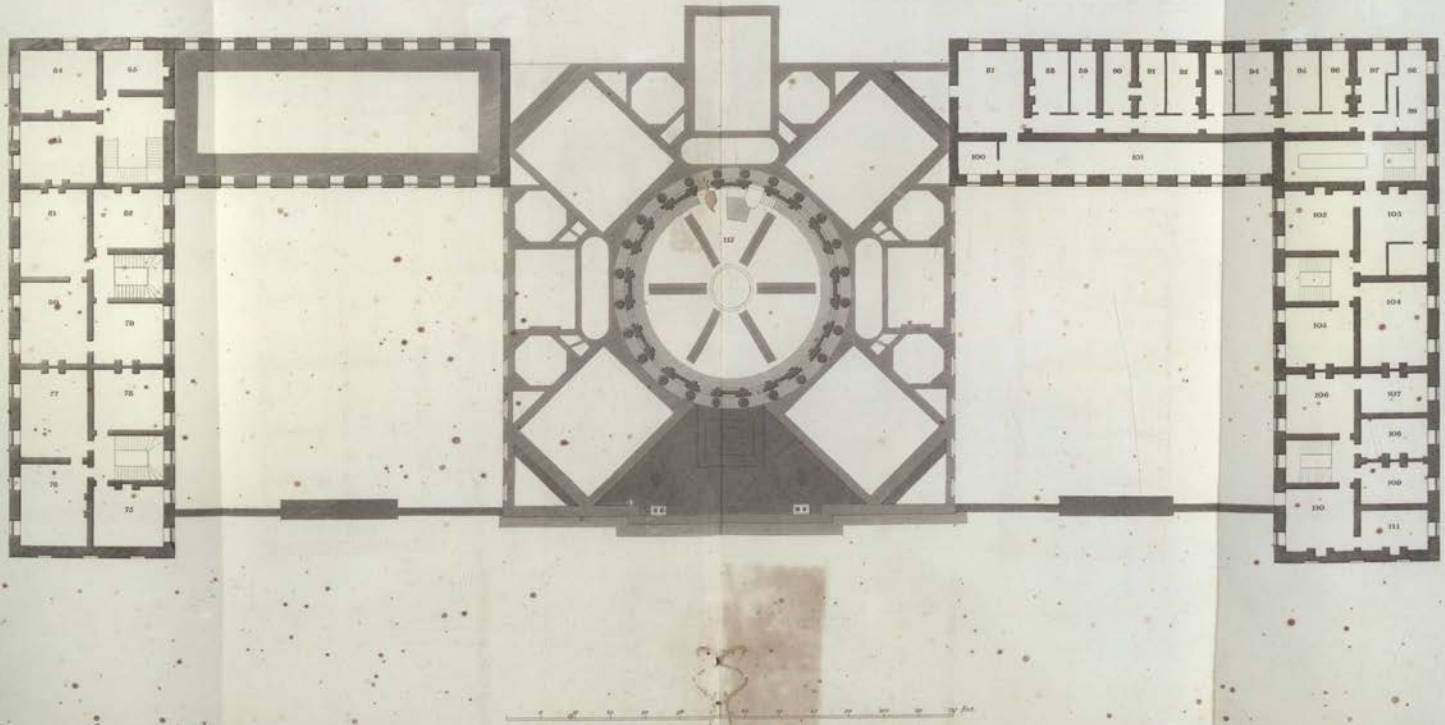

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AN ELEVATION AND DESIGN

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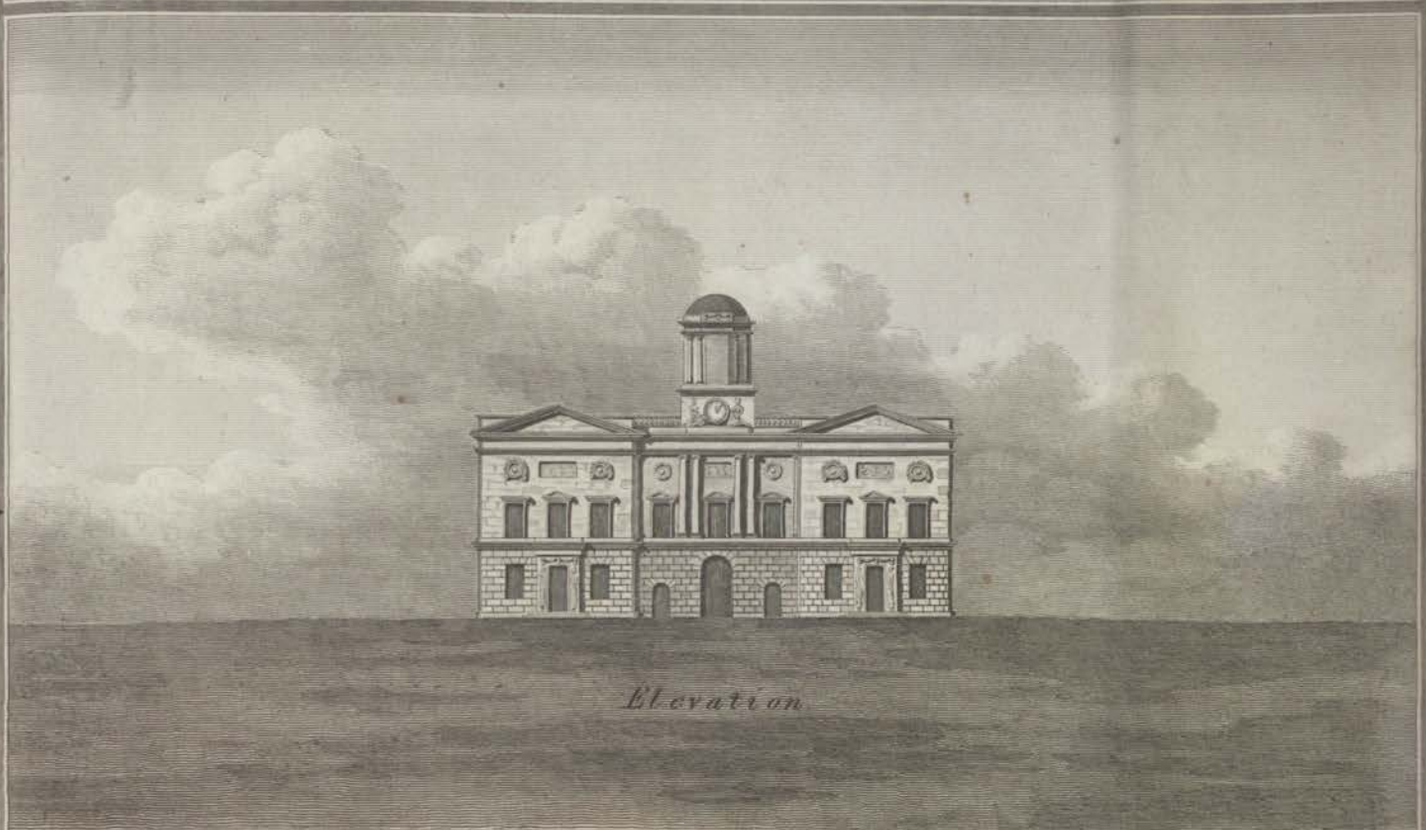

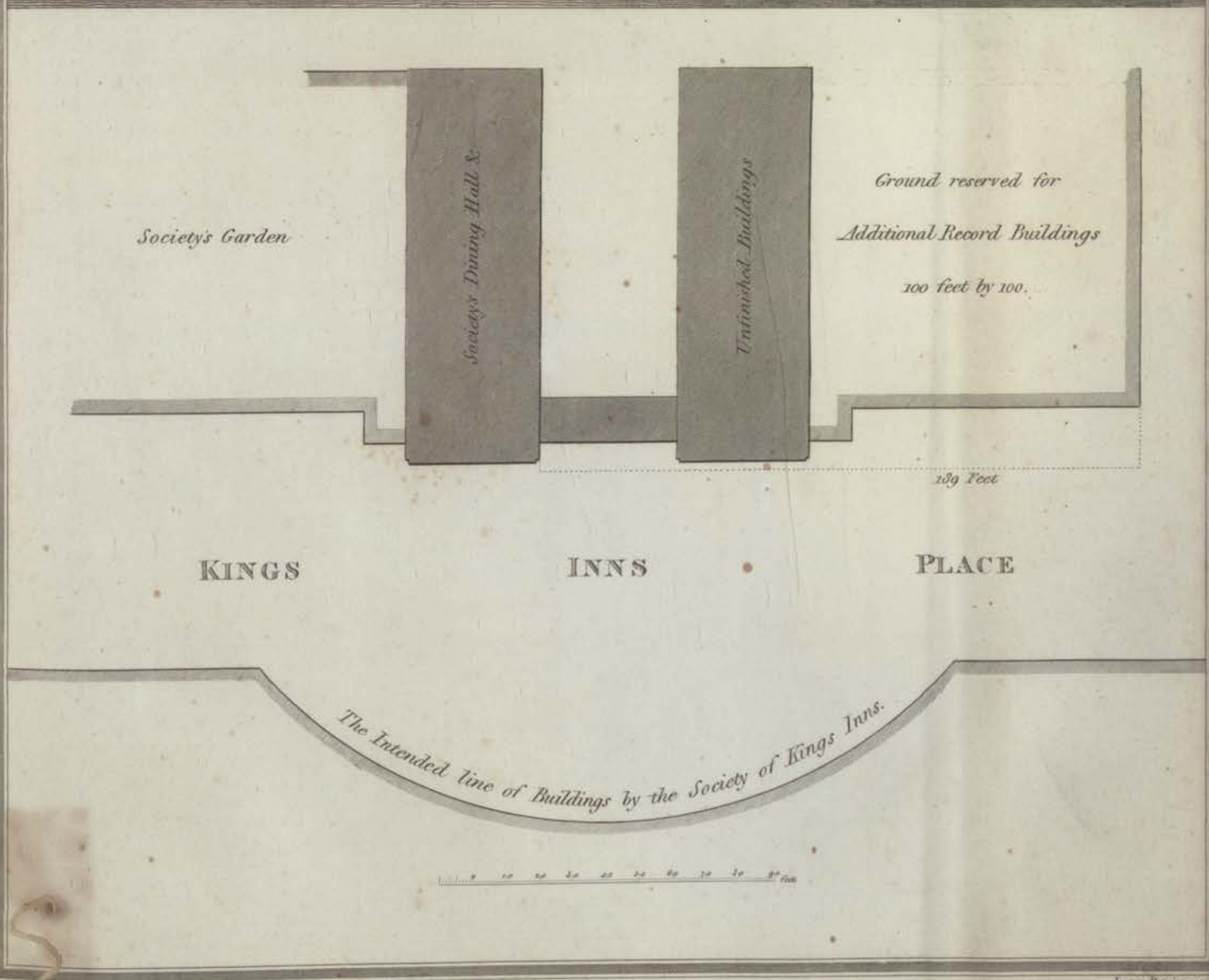

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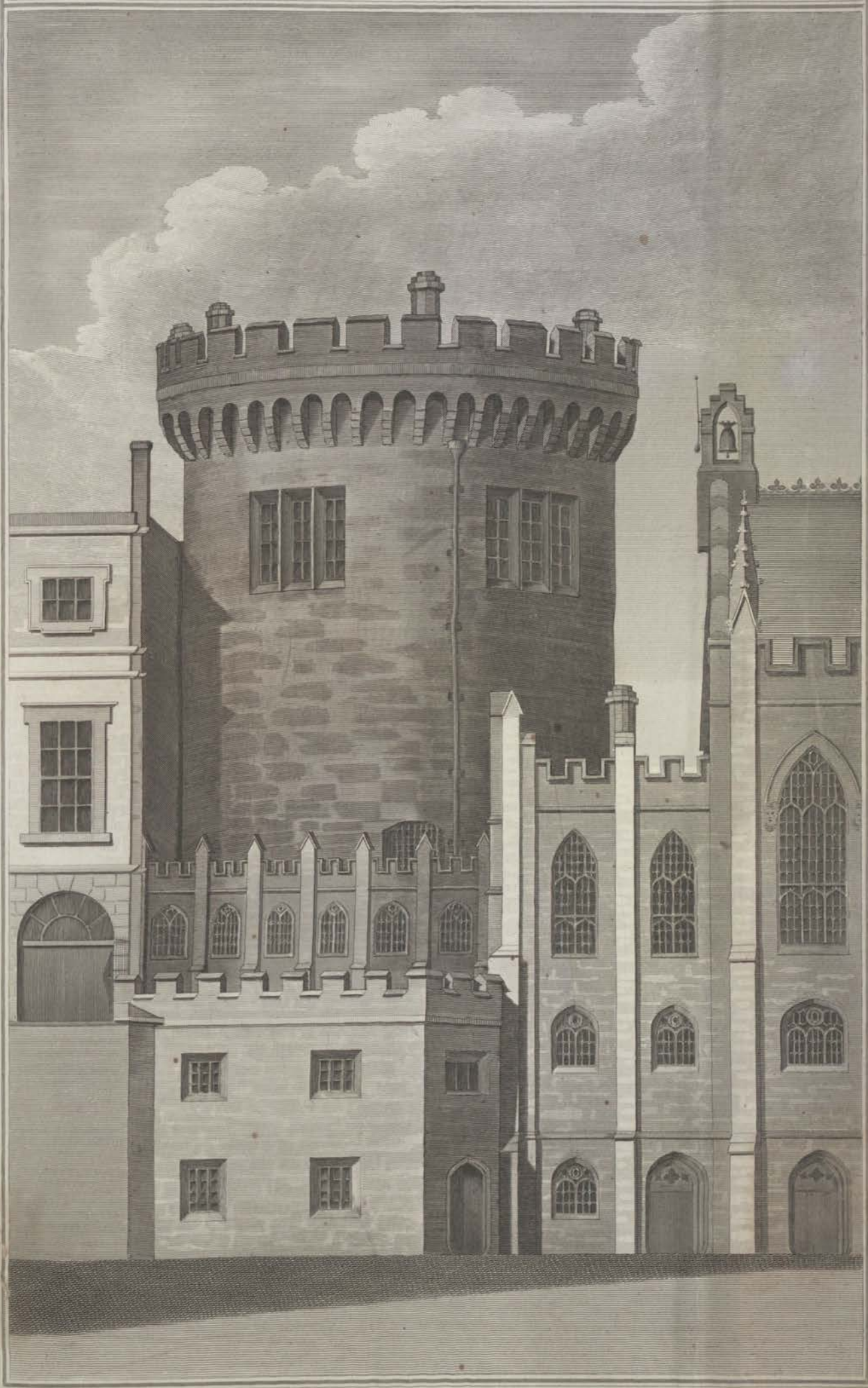
SOUTH VIEW OF THE RECORD TOWER, IN THE LOWER YARD OF THE CASTLE OF DUBLIN.



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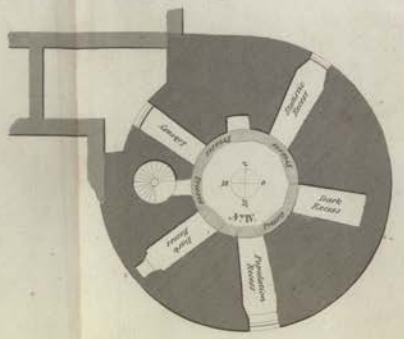
A SECTION OF THE RECORD TOWER IN THE LOWER YARD OF DUBLIN CASTLE.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SURVEY OF THE COURTS OF JUSTICE.

and the Several Holdings & Avenues Contiguous

DUBLIN.

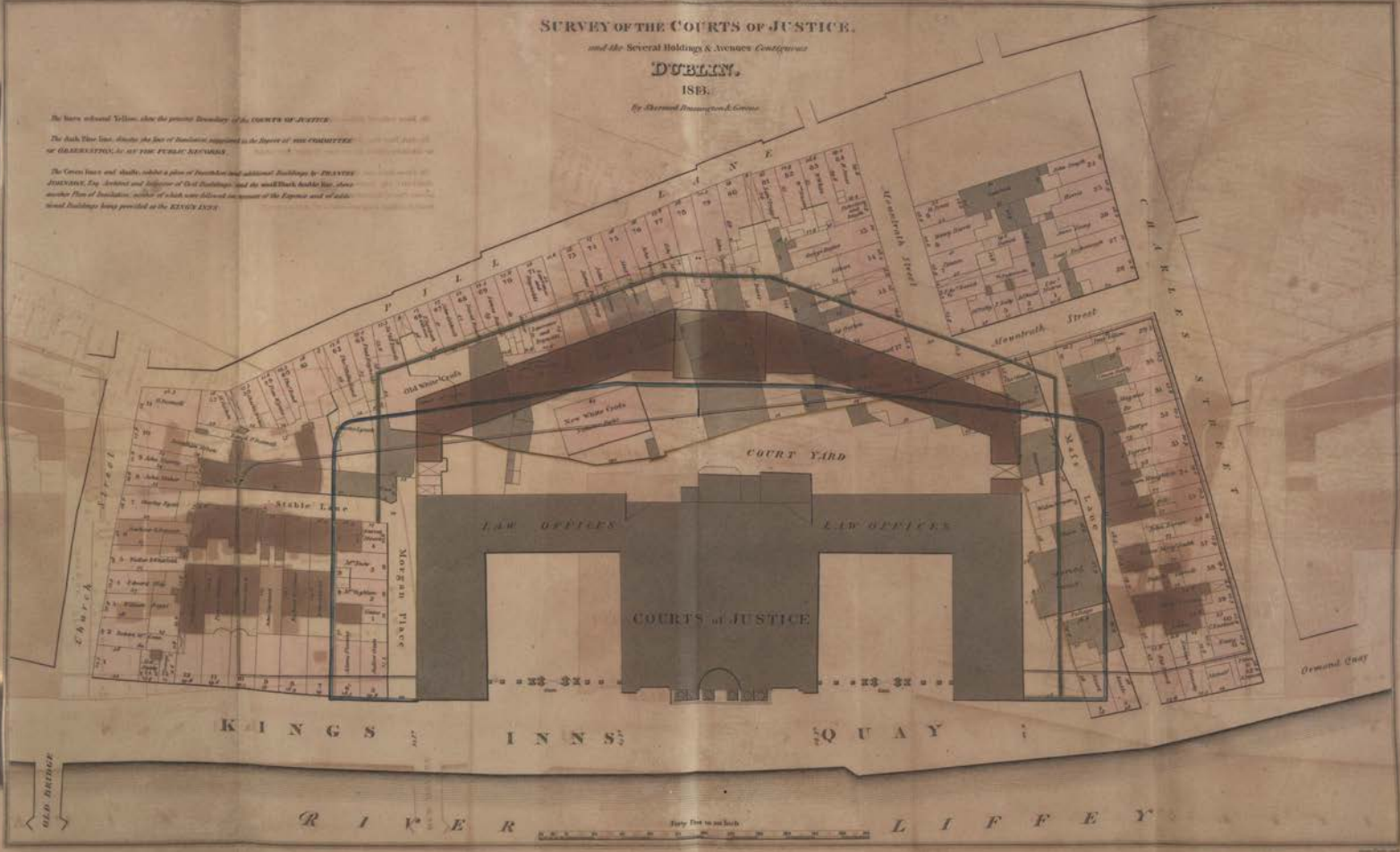
1818.

By Osmond Beauvoir & Greene

The Parts coloured Yellow, show the present Boundary of the COURTS OF JUSTICE.

The Dark Blue Lines, denote the line of Boundaries suggested in the Report of the COMMITTEE OF OBSERVATION, for the PUBLIC RECORDS.

The Green lines and shades, exhibit a plan of Possible and additional Buildings by EDWARD JOHNSON, Esq. Architect and Inspector of Civil Buildings; and the small Black double line, shews another Plan of Insulation, neither of which were followed on account of the Expence and of additional Buildings being provided at the KINGS INNS.



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VII.

The REPORT of the COMMITTEE of OBSERVATION, &c. on BUILDINGS.

To His Majesty's Commissioners on the Public Records of Ireland.

The REPORT of the COMMITTEE of OBSERVATION, INSPECTION, &c. on BUILDINGS.

VII. Report of Committee of Observation, &c. on Buildings.

IN Obedience to two distinct Orders of the Board, the one bearing date the 30th of January 1812, whereby it was referred to the principal Officers of the Four Courts, with the Secretary to the Board, to inspect the several Public Offices adjoining the Four Courts, and report what Additions and Alterations should be made therein, for the more convenient use and better Preservation of Records connected with the Courts of Justice, specifying how far their opinions coincide with, or differ from, Mr. Johnson's Plans and suggestions; and the other bearing date the 23d of March 1813, whereby the Board was pleased to rescind the aforesaid Order, so far as related to the appointment of the Committee of Law Officers, and to refer the subject-matter of it, together with the Allocation and Arrangement of the several Public Record Offices in Dublin, including those about to be removed to the Round Tower in the Lower Castle Yard, to this Committee, to report specially thereon, previously to the next Meeting of the Board; We have the honour to state, that on the 29th day of March last, and at subsequent Meetings, we took the said two Orders into our consideration; and now beg leave to submit to the Board the following REPORT.

Vide infra, pa. 485.

FOR the purpose of carrying these Orders of the Board the more effectually into execution, we determined in the first instance to view the several Buildings allotted to the Preservation of the Public Records in Dublin. These, from local circumstances, and the character of the Records and public documents contained in them, may be conveniently classed under three general heads, placing those public documents which are of the same nature, or nearly so, in one Repository, as far as is consistent with the space assigned, and the convenience of situation.

In following this outline, the First Class comprehends the Records and public documents relating to or connected with the State, such as the Rolls, Books and Papers of the late Irish Parliament, the Books and Papers of the Council and Chief Secretary's Offices, and of the Surveyor General's and Ulster's Offices, &c.; the Second, the various Records immediately connected with or belonging to the several Courts of Justice; and the Third, Records, &c. relating to the Registry of Deeds, Wills, and so forth, and such other Records as cannot be conveniently placed under the two former classes.

With respect to the Records under the First Class, we recommend that they should be forthwith removed to the Round Tower in the Lower Castle Yard, which is now ready to receive them, and should be there deposited, pursuant to the allocation specified in Appendix, No. I. to which we beg leave to refer.

pa. 472.

In the arrangement of the Records connected with the Courts of Justice, we have been guided by a rule which appears to have been suggested by Lord Chancellor Redesdale, when the subject was under his Lordship's consideration, viz. of placing all the Offices attached or belonging to the Equity Courts, in the Western wing or quadrangle of the Four Courts, behind the Courts of Chancery and Exchequer; and the several Law Offices, in the Eastern quadrangle, behind the Courts of King's Bench and Common Pleas.

In order to effect this desirable arrangement, it becomes necessary to remove the Registry for Deeds, &c. from the Eastern wing, and to provide for the Records belonging to this Repository in the proposed Buildings at the King's Inns; and also to remove the Offices now occupied by the Six Clerks in Chancery, who, under the proposed arrangement, will be more conveniently accommodated with Apartments elsewhere.

The foregoing changes, together with the removal of the Masters in Chancery, and their Clerks, from the Eastern wing, to the Apartments now occupied by the Officers of the Court of King's Bench on the other side, would not only clear the Building in that Wing, for the accommodation of all the Law Offices, but would also afford sufficient accommodation to the Examiners in Chancery, who are now most inconveniently situated, being limited to one apartment each, for the discharge of their several duties in examining Witnesses, the accommodation of their Clerks in transcribing Depositions, and also for the safe custody of their Records, &c.; which deficiency of room produces considerable inconvenience to the Public, as is more fully described in their respective Returns to the Queries from the Board.

Vide supra, pa. 66, &c.

The Apartments that would consequently be vacated in the Western quadrangle by these Officers, would afford accommodation to others of the Court of Chancery, whose Offices are at present either placed in private Buildings, or in the opposite Wing of the Four Courts. But for a more detailed account, affording a Synopsis of the present as well as the proposed Allocation and Arrangement of this class of Public Records, we beg leave to refer to the Appendix, No. II.

pa. 473.

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In treating of the Third Class, we beg leave to observe, that the intended Buildings at the King's Inns on Constitution Hill, will, it is expected, provide for the Registry for Deeds already noticed, as well as the Registry of the Prerogative and Consistorial Courts of Dublin and Kildare, and the Court of Appeals in Spiritual Provocations.

These Buildings will also serve to provide for the Auditor General's Records, now placed in the Dome of the Four Courts, and for the ancient Pleadings of the Court of Exchequer; which it would be desirable to have removed, as well to relieve the Buildings, where they are now lodged, from so great a weight, as to afford accommodation to other Offices belonging to that Court. But having considered this part of the subject in a former Report to the Board*, we have now merely to refer to the Appendix, No. III. for a proposed arrangement of the several Repositories to which the intended Buildings may be appropriated.

* pa. 23, &c.

This general disposition and arrangement of the Public Record Offices, will, we hope, appear to the Board to be a good mode of supplying the place of one General Repository for all Public Records in Dublin, although, as we have heretofore stated, "it might be desirable that a Record Repository, and the necessary Offices, "should be built on a plan similar to the Register House at Edinburgh," had not objects of a paramount consideration, namely, the expense to the Public, rendered it necessary to abandon that design.

pa. 488.

We beg leave, in concluding this Report, again to submit to the consideration of the Board, the absolute necessity there is of insulating the Courts of Justice, and Public Record Offices adjoining them, for the purpose of protecting the various Records and public documents there deposited, from the hazards of fire and embezzlement, to which they are continually exposed from all the surrounding Buildings*; some of which on the Eastern wing are separated by the small division of three feet from the site of the public Buildings occupied for the Registry of Deeds; while, at the rear, a space of only twenty feet intervenes between the Record Room of the Rolls Office and a Carman's Inn, called "The White Cross," (where a fire broke out within the last few years, which threatened the safety of the entire Building,) as may appear by the annexed Survey of the Courts of Justice, and the several Holdings and Avenues contiguous.

Pl. XXI.

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* *Note.*—A very curious illustration of the necessity of securing Record Repositories from the hazards of fire, may be found in the following article, relating to the burning of the Rolls and all other Records of Chancery, from the time of Thomas Cantok, Chancellor, to the 28th year of Edward I. with the exception of two Rolls of that year, and containing a list of the Records of Chancery from thence to the second of Edward II. inclusive; taken from a membrane attached to a Close Roll of the second year of Edward II. in the Chief Remembrancer's Office.

"Md q̃d oĩes rot̃li de cancellar̃ Hib̃n cum br̃ib3 Inquisic̃oib3 bill & oĩib3 memorandis p̄dcam cancell contingentib3 de tempore mag̃ri Thome Cantok quondā cancell Hib̃n usq; ad annū Regni Regē Edwardi fil R Henr̃ vicesimo octavo fuũnt combusti p casum fortūtum in Abbathia dom9 b̃e Marie juxta Dubliñ in magna combustione ejusdē Abbath̃ p̄t duos rot̃los de eodē anno vicesimo octavo videl3 un9 de br̃ib3 patentib3 & alius de br̃ib3 clausis qui remanent Et lib̃ati sunt d̄no Walt̃o de Thornbury Cancell Hib̃n p b̃e d̄ni Regē nūc p Mag̃rm Joh̃em Cantok & And̃r de Avetoñ executor̃ p̄dci Ep̃i p̄dci duo rotuli de anno p̄dci Regē E. fil R Henr̃ vicesimo octavo; et duo rotuli un9 de br̃ib3 patentib3 & alius de br̃ib3 clausis de anno ejusdē Regē vicesimo nono; et Centū & una bill Justic̃ Hib̃n de eodē anno & undecim bill de allocat̃ de Sc'cio Dubliñ existentes in uno filac̃o; et quadraginta q'tuor br̃ia de dedim9 potestat̃; et undecim l're patentes div̄so3 Ep̃o3 Hib̃n de exc̃oicatis capiendis in uno filac̃o existenc̃; et septē br̃ia cū inquiścoib3 de escaet'a de eodē anno in uno filac̃o existenc̃; et duo rotuli un9 de br̃ib3 patentib3 & alius de br̃ib3 clausis de anno ejusdē R t'cesimo; et octies viginti bill Justic̃ Hib̃n; et viginti bill de allocat̃ de Sc'cio p̄dco; et VIII br̃ia ejusdē Regē sub p'vato sigillo de eodē anno in uno filac̃o contenta; et XXIX br̃ia de attorñ recipiend; et novē l're patentes div̄so3 Ep̃o3 de exc̃oicat̃ capiend de eodem anno in uno filac̃o content̃; & XII br̃ia cum inquiścoib3 de escaet'a de eodē anno in uno filac̃o existenc̃; et duo rotuli un9 de br̃ib3 patentib3 & alius de br̃ib3 clausis de anno ejusdē R XXX p'mo; et LXXI bill Justic̃ Hib̃n; et XIII bill de allocat̃ de Sc'cio p̄dco de eodē anno; et XXX br̃ia de attorñ recipiend; et XV l're patentes div̄so3 Ep̃o3 Hib̃n de exc̃oicat̃ capiend; et II br̃ia ejusdē R sub p'vato sigillo de eodē anno in uno filac̃o content̃; et X br̃ia cum inquiś de escaet'a de eodē anno in uno fil̃ contenta; et II rot̃li un9 de patentib3 & alius de br̃ib3 clausis de anno ejusdē R XXXII; et IIII XX & VIII bill Justic̃ Hib̃n; et XVII bill de allocat̃ de Sc'cio p̄dco; et II br̃ia ejusdē R sub p'vato sigillo de eodē anno in uno filac̃o exst; et XIII br̃ia cum inq̃is de escaet'a de eodē anno in uno filac̃o content̃; et II rot̃li un9 de br̃ib3 patentib3 & alius de br̃ib3 clausis de anno ejusdē R XXXIII; et IIII XX XIX bill Justic̃ Hib̃n de eodē anno in uno filac̃o existenc̃; et XVII br̃ia de attorñ recipiend; et XII l're patentes div̄so3 Ep̃o3 de eodē anno in uno filac̃o existenc̃; et XX br̃ia cum Inquisic̃oib3 de escaet'a de eodē anno in uno filac̃o existenc̃; et II rot̃li un9 de br̃ib3 patentib3 & alius de br̃ib3 clausis de anno ejusdē R XXXIIII; et IIII XX XIIII bill Justic̃ Hib̃n de eodē anno in uno filac̃o existenc̃; et XVIII br̃ia de attorñ recipiend; et XII l're patent̃ div̄so3 Ep̃o3 de exc̃oicat̃ capiend; et XIX br̃ia cū Inquisic̃oib3 de escaet'a de eodē anno in uno filac̃o existenc̃; et II rot̃li un9 de br̃ib3 patentib3 & alius de br̃ib3 clausis de anno ejusdē R XXXV; et LXII bill Justic̃ Hib̃n de eodē anno in uno filac̃o exist̃; et XII br̃ia de

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We are perfectly aware that so desirable an object cannot be attained without expense to the Public; and having every wish that that expense should be made as light as possible, we have given the circumstances a great degree of consideration, the result of which is, That we are of opinion, that, having respect to the safety of the Courts of Justice, the Law Offices, and the Public Records contained therein, there should be a space of at least sixty feet between the Eastern and Western sides of the Law Offices respectively, and any Buildings of a private nature; that there should be a like space of sixty feet at the North-eastern and North-western angles of the said Offices respectively, which space should be equally increased from the said angles, until, opposite to the centre of the rear of the Four Courts, the space should be at least eighty feet wide, according to the Plan marked in the above-mentioned Survey.

In carrying this plan of insulation into execution, sufficient accommodation would be afforded for all the Records connected with the Courts, by erecting Buildings at the rear of the Rolls Court, for the Six Clerks, who would be dispossessed of their Apartments under the Plan of Allocation which we have herein had the honour of submitting to the Board, as well as for the several servants and attendants in the different Public Offices, whose residence would be thereby removed from any Record Office; as we consider it a principle of general policy, in the arrangement of any Buildings or Repository appropriated to the safe-keeping of Public Records, that such Buildings should not be inhabited by any person, or be liable to the many hazards to which the occupations connected with a private residence must constantly expose them. And while on this part of the subject, we consider it our duty to state to the Board, that there are at this time persons residing in the Public Buildings adjoining to the Four Courts, carrying on various trades, and amongst the rest, different branches of Cutlery and Hardware manufactures, which must require the constant use of fire. pa. 472.

These abuses appear to us to require that some measures should be immediately taken for their correction and prevention: And we beg leave to submit, that the charge of each quadrangle should be given to some proper person, who should have Apartments under some of the Law Offices, and whose duty it should be to prevent the residence of unauthorized persons in the Apartments of the quadrangles which they should so have in charge respectively, to lock the outside gates, and prevent the entrance of any person after an appointed hour; and, (as the Magistrates of the King's Inns Division have represented that the apartments under the Law Offices form a nightly receptacle for the most improper persons) that such should be sworn in Constables, in order that they might have power to remove all improper persons from the apartments under the Law Offices, and from the Buildings connected with the Courts of Justice. We think it also our duty to recommend, in the strongest manner, that there should be three fire-mains laid down, to open into the two quadrangles adjoining the Four Courts, and the open place at the rear thereof, in order that there may be a sufficient supply of water always in readiness, in case of fire; for, although the Courts and Offices are very near to the river, they might be entirely consumed before a sufficient supply of water to extinguish any fire which might break out in them could be obtained from thence, if it happened that the tide was out at the time.

In the recommendation of these additional Buildings, the Plan of Insulation connected with it, and the other matters which we have had the honour to suggest, we beg leave to state, that we are of opinion that the objects to be obtained thereby are so desirable, as fully to justify the expense which we presume may attend the same.

All which is most respectfully submitted this 11th day of October 1813.

(Signed) *William Ball.* *Steuart King.*
Roderick Connor. *Francis Corbet.*
John Brinkley. *Wm Shaw Mason*, Secy.

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APPENDIX.

APPENDIX, No. I.

AN ALLOCATION and ARRANGEMENT of the several RECORD REPOSITORIES which are to be removed into the ROUND TOWER, in the Lower Castle Yard, Dublin.

No.	APARTMENT.	OFFICERS' NAMES, AND DESCRIPTION OF RECORDS.	OBSERVATIONS AND SUGGESTIONS.
1.	Apartment at the entrance on Ground Floor*.	Mr. Shaw Mason, as Secretary to the Board of Public Records, for Clerks, &c.	Desks and Presses should be erected in this Apartment.
2.	Apartment immediately over the foregoing.	Same, for his own Office, and occasionally as a Committee Room.	The like accommodation requisite here.
3.	First Story, or Ground Floor of the Tower.	Mr. Thomas Taylor, and Mr. O'Flaherty, as Deputy Keepers of the Parliamentary Records, for the printed Lords and Commons Journals.	It is recommended that the Door of this Apartment should consist of open iron work, for security, but principally for admitting light to the Staircase.
4.	Second Story.	Mr. Taylor, for Books and Papers of the Civil Department; and Mr. Ebbs, for Council Office Papers.	The same recommendation as to the Door of this Story. Tables, for consulting these Papers, will be necessary.
5.	Third Story.	Mr. Taylor, and Mr. O'Flaherty, for the Statute Rolls and Lords and Commons Journals.	The like recommendation as to the Door. Tables for this Story.
6.	Upper Story: first Room on the right hand of the entrance, with the long Passage adjoining thereto, and connected with said Room.	The same Officers. The Room to be appropriated for the remainder of the Parliamentary Records, and the Passage for the printed Statutes.	In the Passage, plain Shelves should be put up; but in the Room, it will not be necessary to put up Shelves or Presses, for the present, as the Records are undergoing arrangement in Boxes, in which they are now deposited.
7.	Second or next Room to the left hand, or northward of said last-mentioned Room and Passage.	Mr. Sheehan, for the Maps and Books of the Surveyor General's Office; and Mr. Charles Taylor, for the Books, &c. relating to the Forfeitures of 1688.	The Surveyor General has Presses sufficiently commodious; and it will not be necessary to prepare Presses for the Forfeiture Papers, until an order for their removal is made by the Board.
8.	Third or next Room to the left hand, and adjoining the last-mentioned Room.	Board of Public Records, for their collection of Books, and restored or recovered Records; and also for the use of the Statute and other Sub-Commissioners.	The Presses in which these Records, &c. are at present deposited, will answer.
9.	Fourth or next Room to the left hand, and adjoining the last-mentioned Room.	Mr. Warburton, and Sir William Betham, for the several Pipe or Plea Rolls now in Birmingham Tower.	It is conceived the Presses in which these Rolls are placed may be removed to and put up in this Room.
10.	Fifth or next Room to the left hand, and adjoining last-mentioned Room, being that on the left hand of the entrance to the upper Story.	Mr. O'Flaherty, as Keeper of the Records in the Office of Arms, for the Books, &c. of said Office.	The Presses in which these Records are at present deposited will answer.

* Since the foregoing Arrangement was made, a small part of this Room has been appropriated to the temporary accommodation of the Records, Books, and Papers of the First Fruits Office.

APPENDIX, No. II.

TABLE of the present and intended ARRANGEMENT of the PUBLIC OFFICES adjoining the FOUR COURTS, referring to the annexed PLANS.

N° of Apartment, according to Plan.	By what Office or Officer now occupied.	By what Office or Officer to be occupied, according to the proposed Allocation.	OBSERVATIONS.
	PLATE XV.		
1.	House Keeper (Chief Remembrancer's Office.)	Secondaries Chief Remembrancer's Office.	Subdivisions in this Apartment to be removed.
2.	Secondary (Chief Remembrancer's Office.)	Record Rooms for Pleadings - -	These Rooms should be thrown into one Repository.
3.	Filacer (Chief Remembrancer's Office.)	Same - - - - - - - - -	
4.	Same - - - - - - - -	Present Office.	
5.	Crown Office (King's Bench) -	First Master in Chancery.	
6.	Same - - - - - - - -	Same - - - - - - - - - -	This Room to be divided for his Clerk's Office, and a Waiting Room for Witnesses.
7.	House Keeper (King's Bench) -	Second Master in Chancery - - -	For like purposes. This Room is already divided.
8.	Seal Keeper (King's Bench) -	Same.	
9.	Cursitor (Chancery) - - -	Usher and Register of Affidavits - -	A second or additional Apartment for this Officer.
10.	Usher (Chancery) - - - -	Present Office.	
11.	House Keeper (Rolls) - - -	Cursitor.	
12.	Clerk of Hanaper - - - -	Present Office.	
13.	Same - - - - - - - -	Same.	
14.	Register's Office (Chancery) -	Present Office.	
15.	Same - - - - - - - -	Same.	
16.	Accountant General (Chancery)	Clerk of the Pipe, and Ingrosser of the Great Roll.	
17.	Same - - - - - - - -	Same.	
18.	Secondary Treasurer's Remembrancer.	Present Office.	

TABLE of the present and intended Arrangement of the Public Offices adjoining the Four Courts—*continued.*

N° of Apartment, according to Plan.	By what Office or Officer now occupied.	By what Office or Officer to be occupied, according to the proposed Allocation.	OBSERVATIONS.
19.	Deputy Treasurer's Remembrancer.	Present Office.	
20.	Clerk of Recognizances (Chancery.)	Record Room for the Treasurer's Remembrancer.	To communicate with N° 19.
21.	Seal Keeper (Exchequer) - -	Present Office.	
22.	House Keeper - - - - -	Solicitor of the casual Revenue.	
23.	Six Clerk (Brenan) - - -	Comptroller of the Pipe.	
24.	Same - - - - - - - -	Transcriptor and Foreign Apposer.	
25.	Register for Deeds - - - -	Summonister and Clerk of Estreats.	
26.	Same - - - - - - - -	Record Room, K. B. - - - - -	These Rooms to form, as at present, one Repository.
27.	Same - - - - - - - -	Same - - - - - - - - - -	
28.	Same - - - - - - - -	Same - - - - - - - - - -	
29.	Register's Clerks - - - -	Prothonotary's Record Transcribing Clerks.	
30.	Same - - - - - - - -	Same.	
31.	Deputy Register - - - -	Seal Keeper, K. B. and Prothonotary's Clerks.	The Room to be divided.
	PLATE XVI.		
32.	Chief Remembrancer - - -	Deputy Chief Remembrancer.	
33.	Deputy Chief Remembrancer -	Chief Remembrancer's Record Room	These Rooms should be thrown into one Repository.
34.	Clerks of Register (Exchequer)	Same - - - - - - - - - -	
35.	Register (Exchequer) - -	Present Office - - - - - - -	With accommodation for his Clerks.
36.	Filacer (King's Bench) - - -	Third Master in Chancery.	
37.	Clerk of Rules (King's Bench)	Same - - - - - - - - - -	For his Clerk's Office.
38.	Clerk of Entries of Writs (King's Bench) - - - -	Same - - - - - - - - - -	A waiting Room for Witnesses.

TABLE of the present and intended Arrangement of the Public Offices adjoining the Four Courts—*continued.*

N° of Apartment, according to Plan.	By what Office or Officer now occupied.	By what Office or Officer to be occupied, according to the proposed Allocation.	OBSERVATIONS.
39.	Clerk of Appearances (King's Bench.)	Fourth Master in Chancery - - -	A Waiting Room for Witnesses.
40.	Prothonotary (King's Bench) -	Same - - - - - - - - - -	For his Clerk's Office.
41.	Deputy Prothonotary (King's Bench.)	Same.	
42.	Deputy Keeper of Rolls - -	Transcribing Clerks of Rolls - - -	Further accommodation might be provided for them in the upper part of the Staircase.
43.	Clerks of Rolls Office - - -	Deputy Keeper of the Rolls - - -	His Office should communicate with N°s 42 & 44.
44.	House Keeper (Rolls) - - -	Clerk of Pleadings, Chancery - -	This Office should communicate with the Record Room.
45.	The Rolls Record Room - -	Present Office.	
46.	Clerk of Pleas (Exchequer) -	First Deputy Clerk of Pleas, Exchequer.	
47.	Record Room (Pleas Exchequer.)	Same.	
48.	Deputy Clerk of Pleas (Exchequer.)	Second Deputy Clerk of Pleas, and Clerk of Rules.	If necessary, to be divided.
49.	A Passage - - - - - - -	A Passage - - - - - - - -	The Presses in this Passage might be conveniently occupied with the Rule Books.
50.	Clerk (in Pleas Exchequer) -	Present Office.	
51.	Clerk of Alphabets (Pleas Exchequer.)	Present Office.	
52.	Clerk of Rules (Pleas Exchequer.)	Clerks, Pleas Exchequer.	
53.	Second Deputy Clerk of Pleas (Exchequer.)	Same.	
54.	Clerks (Pleas Exchequer) - -	Same.	
55.	Same - - - - - - -	Same.	
56.	Clerk of Pleadings (Pleas Exchequer)	Same.	
57.	Transcribing Clerks of Pleadings (Pleas Exchequer.)	Same.	

TABLE of the present and intended Arrangement of the Public Offices adjoining the Four Courts—*continued.*

N° of Apartment, according to Plan.	By what Office or Officer now occupied.	By what Office or Officer to be occupied, according to the proposed Allocation.	OBSERVATIONS.
58.	Clerk of the Pleas (Exchequer)	Clerk of Records, Exchequer - -	This Room should communicate with the Record Room adjoining.
59.	Transcribing Clerks - - -	Record Room, Pleas Exchequer	All these Apartments should be thrown into one Repository.
60.	Pleadings - - - - - - -	Same.	
61.	Transcribing Clerks - - - -	Same.	
62.	Clerk of Writs, Appearances and Attachments (Pleas Exchequer.)	Same, for Pleadings - - - - -	
63.	Master Ellis - - - - - -	Clerk of Pleadings.	
64.	Clerk to Master Ellis - - -	Transcribing Clerks of same.	
65.	Six Clerk (Woods) - - -	Same.	
66.	Same - - - - - - - -	Record Room for Writs, Appearances, and Attachments.	
67.	Master King - - - - -	Clerk and Signer of Writs, Appearances, and Attachments.	
68.	Clerk to Master King - - -	Clerks of same.	
69.	Master Henn - - - - -	Clerk of Rules and Orders, K. B.	
70.	Clerk to Master Henn - - -	Transcribing Clerks of same.	
71.	Six Clerk (Spunner) - - -	Clerk of Entries of Writs.	
72.	Same - - - - - - - -	Clerk of Appearances.	
73.	Master Westby - - - - -	Prothonotary, &c. K. B.	
74.	Clerk to Master Westby - -	Clerks of same.	
	PLATE XVII.		
75.	Transcribing Clerks (Chief Remembrancer's Office.)	Examiner to the Chief Remembrancer.	
76.	Record Room (Chief Remembrancer.)	1st and 2d Examiners to the Barons -	The Room to be divided.
77.	Same - - - - - - -	3d and 4th Examiners to the Barons -	The Room to be divided.

TABLE of the present and intended Arrangement of the Public Offices adjoining the Four Courts—*continued.*

N° of Apartment, according to Plan.	By what Office or Officer now occupied.	By what Office or Officer to be occupied, according to the proposed Allocation.	OBSERVATIONS.
78.	Record Room (Chief Remembrancer.)	Accountant General of the Court of Exchequer, and Clerk of Reports.	The Room to be divided.
79.	Pleadings (King's Bench) - -	First Examiner in Chancery.	
80.	Pleadings (King's Bench) - -	Same - - - - - - - - - -	This Room to be divided for Transcribing Clerks, and a Waiting Room for Witnesses.
81.	Record Room (King's Bench)	Second Examiner in Chancery - - -	For like purposes. Room to be divided.
82.	Record Room (King's Bench)	Same.	
83.	Examiners (Chancery) - -	Accountant General in Chancery, and Clerk of Reports Chancery.	The Room to be divided.
84.	Examiners (Chancery) - -	Secretary of Bankrupts, and Clerk of Inrolments in Bankruptcy.	The Room to be divided.
85.	Clerks to Examiners - - -	Clerk of Inrolments in Chancery, and his Clerks.	This Room should communicate with the Galleries of the Rolls' Record Room.
86.	Gallery, Rolls' Record Room	As it is at present.	
87.	Deputy Prothonotary (Common Pleas.)	Present Office.	
88.	Clerks - - - - - - - -	Clerk of Pleadings.	
89.	Clerk of Declarations (Common Pleas.)	Same.	
90.	Clerks - - - - - - - -	Record Room for Pleadings.	
91.	Stamp Office (Common Pleas)	Clerk of Rules.	
92.	Clerks - - - - - - - -	Same.	
93.	Seal Office (Common Pleas)	Stationed Clerks, C. P.	
94.	Clerk of Rules and Entries (Common Pleas.)	Same.	
95.	Clerks - - - - - - - -	Same.	
96.	Clerk of Errors, Essoigns and Juries.	Same.	
97.	Clerks - - - - - - - -	Same.	

TABLE of the present and intended Arrangement of the Public Offices adjoining the Four Courts—*continued.*

N° of Apartment, according to Plan.	By what Office or Officer now occupied.	By what Office or Officer to be occupied, according to the proposed Allocation.	OBSERVATIONS.
98.	Filacer and Exigenter - - -	Stationed Clerks, C. P.	
99.	Clerk of Assignments - - -	Same.	
100.	Transcribing Clerks Office -	Present Office.	
101.	Record Room (Common Pleas)	As it is at present.	
102.	Deputy Chirographer, Keeper of Writs, and Clerk of the King's Silver.	Filacer, Common Pleas.	
103.	Chirographer's Transcribing Clerks.	Seal Office Common Pleas, and Chirographer's Clerks.	The Room to be divided.
104.	Chirographer's Record Room -	As it is at present.	
105.	Chirographer - - - - - -	Deputy Chirographer, &c.	
106.	Six Clerk (Mills) - - - -	Filacer, K. B.	
107.	Same - - - - - - - - -	Transcribing Clerks of same.	
108.	Six Clerk (Dwyer) - - - -	Record Room for Pleadings, K. B.	
109.	Same - - - - - - - - -	Same.	
110.	Six Clerk (Stevelly) - - -	Crown Office, K. B.	
111.	Same - - - - - - - - -	Transcribing Clerks of same.	
112.	Auditor General - - - - -	None - - - - - - - - - -	Originally intended for a Library.

APPENDIX, No. III.

ALLOCATION at the KING'S INNS.

On the Principal or Ground Floor:

1. The Registry for Deeds, Wills, and so forth.

On the First Floor or Story:

1. The Prerogative Office and Registry of the Diocese of Armagh.
2. The Registry of the Diocese of Dublin.
3. The Registry of the Diocese of Kildare.
4. Office of Faculties.
5. The First Fruits Office.
6. Registry of Appeals and Spiritual Provocations.

On the Second Floor or Upper Story:

The Records, Books and Papers, in the Custody of the Auditor General, and now in the Dome of the Four Courts.

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ANNUAL REPORT:

MARCH 1813.

TO HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS GEORGE PRINCE OF WALES,

REGENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND,
IN COUNCIL.

WE, the Commissioners constituted and appointed by His Majesty's Royal Commission, bearing date the 30th day of August 1810, for carrying into execution the Measures recommended in the humble Address of the House of Commons to His Majesty, with respect to the State of the Public Records of *Ireland*, and the necessity of providing for the better Arrangement, Preservation, and more convenient Use of the same; Whereby We the said Commissioners are authorized and empowered to nominate and appoint, from time to time, Persons of ability, care and diligence, to act as Secretary and Sub-Commissioners, to be employed in methodizing, regulating and digesting the Records, Rolls, Books and Papers in His Majesty's several Offices; and in causing such of the said Records as are decayed, and in danger of being destroyed, to be bound and secured; and in making exact Calendars and Indexes thereof; and in superintending the printing of such Calendars and Indexes, and original Records and Papers, as should be ordered to be printed; and to certify unto the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury for the time being, what would be a fit and suitable recompence to such Secretary and Sub-Commissioners respectively, for their pains and services in the execution of the duties required to be by them performed: And We the said Commissioners, or any three or more of us, are further required, on or before the 25th day of March in every year during the continuance of the said Commission, to certify to His Majesty's Privy Council, in the manner therein directed, all and every of the several Proceedings of Ourselves and the said Sub-Commissioners, had by virtue of the said Commission; together with such other Matters, if any, as might be deserving His Majesty's Royal Consideration, touching or concerning the premises;—

DO most humbly beg leave to certify to Your Royal Highness, That We have proceeded on the several Works stated in our former Report to Your Royal Highness in Your Privy Council: And We beg leave most humbly to lay before Your Royal Highness the following State of the Proceedings had in pursuance of the said Commission, from the 25th day of March 1812, to the present time.

See p. 13. *ante.*

STATE of the PROCEEDINGS to 25 March 1813.

REPOSITORY.	Sub-Commissioners and Others, to whom the Orders of The Board were directed.	DUTY PERFORMED.	PROGRESS MAKING.
Courts of Justice and Public Law Offices.	Committee, consisting of Stewart King, Esq. and twelve others, Officers of the Four Courts. — Committee of Observation and Inspection, &c.	PROGRESS was reported by the Committee of the principal Officers of the Four Courts. But a communication having been entered into between the Board and Government, the further proceedings of that Committee were suspended; and in the mean time a Letter from Mr. Peel on this subject was referred to the Committee of Observation, who have reported thereon; whereupon the first Order was rescinded, and the whole subject referred to the Committee of Observation, &c.	By the Committee of Observation, &c.

STATE of the PROCEEDINGS to 25 March 1813—*continued.*

REPOSITORY.	Sub-Commissioners and Others, to whom the Orders of The Board were directed.	DUTY PERFORMED.	PROGRESS MAKING.
Birmingham Tower.	Mr. Warburton. Sir Wm Betham. Mr. W. Nash. Mr. Conroy. The Secretary.	THE arrangement of the Council-Office Papers has been completed by Mr. Warburton; and some further progress made on the Repertory to the Patent Rolls, by Sir William Betham, who had heretofore been a Sub-Commissioner on this Repository. In his place a Sub-Commissioner has been appointed for proceeding on the Repertory.	On the Repertory to the Plea and Patent Rolls by Mr. Nash and Mr. Conroy.
Parliamentary Record Office.	Mr. Rafferty. Mr. O'Flaherty. Mr. Tresham. The Secretary.	THE general arrangement of the Records, Books and Papers, of the Irish Parliament, has been completed; and their alphabetical and chronological arrangement proceeded on as far as the letter M. The Papers under the head of Accounts, have been classified, in conformity to the Index to the Commons' Journals. The state and condition of the Lords' and Commons' printed Journals, have been ascertained; means taken for their preservation, and facilities afforded for the distribution of Copies. An Inventory has been formed, of the Books and bundles of Papers respecting Compensation to suffering Loyalists; which have also been arranged.	In the alphabetical and chronological arrangement of these Records by Mr. O'Flaherty.
Rolls Office.	Mr. W. Nash. Mr. Mayne. Mr. F. Nash. Mr. Hardiman. Mr. Tibeaudo. The Secretary.	THE general arrangement of the Record Room has been completed by these Sub-Commissioners jointly. An Inventory of the Patent and Mixed Rolls has been formed by Mr. W. Nash, and 813 pages of a Repertory to the Decrees by Mr. Mayne and Mr. F. Nash, and brought up to a period when the Office Index commences; after which Mr. Mayne entered upon the examination and Inventory of the Fiants. The Pleadings have been partly arranged, and a plan thereof formed by Mr. F. Nash. Of a Repertory to the Inquisitions Post Mortem, 1277 pages have been formed by Mr. Hardiman and Mr. Tibeaudo. The Catalogue of the Statute Rolls has been continued to the year 1779 by Mr. Hardiman, who has also formed 80 pages of Repertory to the Patent Rolls in this Repository, commencing with the Roll called, "Antiquissimæ Litteræ Patentes."	On the Repertory to the Patent Rolls by Mr. Nash and Mr. Hardiman; on the Repertory to the Inquisitions by Mr. Tibeaudo, and Mr. F. Nash, under Mr. Hardiman; and on the Inventory to the Fiants by Mr. Mayne and an Assistant.
Chief Remembrancer's Office.	Mr. W. Nash. Mr. Litton. Mr. Tench. Mr. Edwards. Mr. Hardiman. The Secretary.	A CATALOGUE of all the Rolls in this Office has been commenced by Mr. W. Nash, and brought down to the reign of Edward III. from whence it has been continued by Mr. Edwards to the reign of Geo. II. Mr. Litton has formed 700 pages of a Repertory to the Inquisitions Post Mortem, preserving an uniformity with the corresponding Repertory in the Rolls Office. In the Register's department, the Affidavits, Paper Engrossments of Decrees, Consents, Submissions, Awards, Petitions, &c. and in the Filacer's department, the scattered Pleadings from 1674 to the present time, have been arranged by Mr. Tench, with the assistance of Clerks.	On the Catalogue to the Rolls by Mr. Edwards; on the completion of which he commences the Repertory to said Rolls conjointly with Mr. W. Nash; on the Repertory to the Inquisitions by Mr. Litton, conjointly with Mr. Hardiman; and on the arrangement in the Register's and Filacer's departments by Mr. Tench, with assistant Clerks.
Auditor General's Office.	Mr. Harding. Mr. Fowler. The Secretary.	THE general arrangement in the Dome of the Four Courts has been completed, and the Miscellaneous Records, for the most part, arranged; as also the Rolls and Vouchers of public Accounts. An Index to the Books of Patents has been proceeded on, and a Transcript of the old Rent Rolls of Tythes, comprising 70 Sheets, completed.	On the Index to the Books of Patents, until summer, when an Inventory of the Records in the Dome is intended to be formed.
Surveyor General's Office.	Mr. Harding. Mr. Fowler. The Secretary.	A SECOND long Report has been made by these Sub-Commissioners, on the Papers connected with the Court of Claims in this Office; and measures taken for binding and securing the Maps of the Down Survey.	The Binding, &c. of the Down Survey suspended, in consequence of a Letter from the Chief Secretary, which is referred to the Committee on the Down Survey.

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STATE of the PROCEEDINGS to 25 March 1813—*continued.*

REPOSITORY.	Sub-Commissioners and Others to whom the Orders of The Board were directed.	DUTY PERFORMED.	PROGRESS MAKING.
Parliamentary Record Office, Rolls, and elsewhere.	Mr. Ball. Mr. Duhigg. Mr. Lawson. Mr. H. Mason. Mr. Connor. The Secretary.	THE Collation of the printed Statutes with the original Rolls in the Parliamentary Record Office has been finished. Harris's MSS. in the Library of the Dublin Society have been inspected. The Transcription of all the Latin and French Statute Rolls at the Rolls' Office has also been finished, and considerable progress made in the Collation of the Transcripts with the Originals, and in the Translation of them. These Sub-Commissioners have likewise commenced research for ancient Statutes among the Memoranda Rolls; and also the Transcription or Comparison of those which have been discovered.	In the second Collation of the printed, and in the Collation and Translation of the ancient Statutes; as also in researches for ancient Statutes.
Prerogative Office.	Mr. Greene. The Secretary.	THE Transcription of the Regal Visitation Books has been finished; 6853 pages of the Indexes to the Administration Books have been transcribed by Clerks, and 4041 pages of them examined and corrected by Mr. Greene. The transcribed Index to the Wills has also been arranged in dictionary order, as far as the letter M.	In the Transcription, Examination, and Correction of the Administration Books.
First Fruits Office.	Mr. Lea. The Secretary.	THE Arrangement of the Records in chronological order being completed, a general Inventory thereof has been formed by Mr. Lea; who has also completed the Transcription of Bishops' Return Books, comprising 1323 pages.	In a comparison of the Transcription of the Bishops' Return Books, and a Collation with the original Returns.
State Paper Office.	Mr. H. Mason. Mr. Connor. Mr. Sleater. The Secretary.	AN Inventory has been made of the Books in the Chief Secretary's Office, which have been also arranged in classes, according to dates, numbered and deposited in Presses, and a Press Catalogue formed of them. Considerable progress has likewise been made in the arrangement of the Papers in said Office. The Draft of an Alphabetical Index to the Kings' and Queens' Letters there, from 1697 to 1806, has also been prepared.	In the Arrangement of the Papers in the Chief Secretary's Office.
Lodge's List of Patentee Officers.	Mr. Duhigg. Mr. Lascelles. The Secretary.	A TRANSCRIPT of the greater part of these Books has been completed. Progress was reported; and afterwards a Plan for an edition of this Work was laid before the Board by Mr. Duhigg, but not adopted; and the printing of the Work suspended, until progress should be made on the Repertory to the Patent Rolls.	At the last Board a Coadjutor was appointed, and another Plan ordered.
College MSS.	Mr. H. Mason. Mr. Fowler. The Secretary.	THE present Catalogue of College MSS. has been transcribed, and considerable progress made in the comparison of it with the Originals. It has been found to be so imperfect as to require a great deal of minute investigation. Much collateral research has been made to render it more intelligible and satisfactory.	Progress making on the Catalogue; and to report on the propriety of adding the Contents of Vallancey's Book, as an Appendix thereto.

AND that at a former Meeting of Us the said Commissioners, to wit, on the 31st day of July 1811, being previous to the date of our Second Annual Report, a Letter from Mr. Betham, of the Office of Arms, and one of the Sub-Commissioners on the Tower, dated 23d of same month, respecting several Volumes of original Books of Recognizances in Chancery, was read; Whereupon the Board Ordered, with respect to the Books of Recognizances, That Mr. Betham, with our Secretary, and such other Sub-Commissioners under the Board as they might choose, should particularly inquire how said Books of Recognizances passed from the custody of the proper Officers.

And at a subsequent Meeting of said Commissioners, held at the house of the Right Honourable the Lord High Chancellor, on Thursday the 30th day of January 1812, the Secretary stated, that Proceedings had been taken under the Order of the Board at their last Meeting, respecting the Books of Recognizances; and that he had ascertained, with Mr. Betham, that said Books had been disposed of in a chandler's shop in Dorset-street, by a representative of the late Mr. Deane, one of the Six Clerks and Clerk of the Recognizances;

and

and that, since the date of his Letter upon the subject, Mr. Betham had obtained the possession of those Manuscripts: Whereupon the Board Ordered, That Mr. Betham should be directed to hand over to our Secretary forthwith the several Manuscript Books of Recognizances in his possession, in order to be restored to the proper Officer.

And at a subsequent Meeting of the said Commissioners, holden at the house of the Right Honourable the Lord High Chancellor, on Monday the 16th March 1812, a second Letter from the said Mr. Betham, dated 27th February 1812, respecting the Books of Recognizances, and also his first Letter on the same subject, dated 23d July last, were read and taken into consideration: Whereupon the Board ordered an inquiry to be made as to the terms upon which Mr. Betham had purchased said Books, and that same should be reported to the Board at their next Meeting.

After which, the Report made by Messrs. Harding and Fowler, on the Surveyor General's Office, being read, the Board Ordered, That the Secretary, with the aid of Mr. Fowler, should take means to have General Vallancey's Copy of the Barony Maps properly bound and secured; and the burnt Parish Maps of the Down Survey inlaid, restored to order, and the binding secured, as recommended in Messrs. Harding and Fowler's Report; and, that Messrs. Harding and Fowler be directed to continue the investigation of the Reports and Papers connected with the Court of Claims, and form a classified Schedule or Inventory thereof, according to the tabular Form prepared by the Secretary.

And at a subsequent Meeting of this Board, holden at the house of the Right Honourable the Lord High Chancellor, on Thursday the 16th day of July 1812, the Board Ordered, That the Secretary should write, in their name, to his Grace the Duke of Devonshire, the Right Honourable the Earl of Ormonde, and the Right Honourable the Earl of Meath, respectfully communicating the desire of the Board, that they would be pleased to give access to the Sub-Commissioners on the Statutes, and the Secretary, to their Collections of Manuscripts of a public nature, at Lismore, Kilkenny, Kilruddery, or elsewhere in *Ireland*.

The Board then Ordered, That the Sub-Commissioners on Birmingham Tower should be instructed to proceed with more expedition; and, that when Mr. Sleater should have completed the arrangement of the State Papers in the Chief Secretary's Office, he should proceed, jointly with Mr. Warburton, in the arrangement and selection of the several Books and State Papers in Birmingham Tower, mentioned in the Return from said Repository, and then mixed with the Council Office Papers.

The Board likewise Ordered, That the Sub-Commissioners on the Parliamentary Record Office should be instructed to proceed with more expedition; and, that Mr. Tresham, of the Public Record Office, should be employed, during his extra hours, as an Assistant Sub-Commissioner in said Repository, for the purpose of enabling them to complete the general arrangement of all the Public Documents deposited there, in the course of the summer.

After which, the Board Ordered, That Mr. William Nash, Sub-Commissioner on the Rolls, with the aid of Mr. Hardiman, should proceed on the review and examination of Lodge's Repertory to the Patent Rolls in the Rolls Office, with said Rolls, and forthwith prepare the first Volume of same for the press: And they likewise Ordered, That Mr. Hardiman, Sub-Commissioner on the Rolls, should also proceed (with the aid of Mr. Tibeaudo, as his Assistant Sub-Commissioner) to complete the Repertory to the Inquisitions post Mortem for the press.

That part of the first Report relating to the Manuscripts in the Library of Trinity College Dublin, and also a part of the Return made by the Librarian from that University, being read; and the Board considering the advantages which must be derived from the Contents of that valuable Collection being communicated to the Public, did thereupon Order, That the Secretary should write to the Provost and Board of Senior Fellows of Trinity College, in the name of this Board, expressing their desire that the Catalogue of the Manuscripts in the Library of the said College might be prepared for printing, after it shall have been collated with the original Manuscripts; and, that Mr. John Fowler, one of the Sub-Commissioners under this Board, laying aside his morning occupation on matters of Record in the Dome of the Four Courts, with the aid of Henry Joseph Mason, Esquire, one of the Sub-Commissioners on the Statutes, together with such assistance as the College might think fit to afford, should proceed forthwith to carry the Order into execution, they conferring with the Secretary on all measures to be adopted under said Order.

It was then stated, that inquiries had been made respecting the Books of Recognizances obtained by Mr. Betham; when it appeared that they had passed to him in a sale of a large lot of Books, without any specific value having been affixed to the Manuscripts; and it having been thus ascertained that said Books of Recognizances were in Mr. Betham's possession, no further order was made respecting them by the Board, for the present.

A Draft of an Appendix or Supplement to our Second Annual Report, containing a variety of matters, as directed by a former Order, was then laid before the Board; which being approved of, the Board Ordered, That it should be forthwith executed; and that when the transcription of the several Returns from Officers of Record Repositories, that were to accompany it, should be completed, the whole should be transmitted to the Chief Secretary of the Lord Lieutenant, in London, for the purpose of laying it before Your Royal Highness, as an Appendix or Supplement to our last or Second Annual Report on the Public Records of *Ireland*.

And

And the Board, approving of the manner in which the duties were discharged under the Order of the 30th January, respecting the said Annual Report and Appendixes, by Mr. Ball, Mr. Connor, and the Secretary; and considering the advantage that must result from the adoption of the plan of a Committee of Observation for inspecting and examining into and reporting on all Proceedings had under the Commission; Ordered, That the said two Sub-commissioners, William Ball, and Roderick Connor, Esquires, and the Secretary, together with the Reverend Dr. Brinkley, Archdeacon of Clogher, Steuart King, Esquire, one of the Masters in Chancery, and Francis Corbet, of Mountjoy Square, Esquire, Barrister at Law, who had expressed their willingness to perform this duty without any pecuniary compensation, should be, and were thereby appointed a Committee to observe upon and inspect all Proceedings had or to be had by the several sets of Sub-Commissioners acting under the Board, and for examining into all and every subject-matter connected with or relating to the Commission; and that accordingly the said Secretary should be, and was thereby authorized and directed to call meetings of the said Committee once at least in every week, or oftener, as occasion might require, unless it should stand adjourned for the aforesaid purposes; and that at the end of each quarter of a year, on the completion of the Secretary's Quarterly Report, the said Committee, or any three of them, should visit the several Repositories from time to time, and inspect such Work as should be reported to have been executed by the respective Sub-Commissioners in said Repositories, and certify their opinions upon the same, together with any observations that might occur to them, at the foot of said Quarterly Report; and that said Committee should be instructed to examine into and consider of the general objects of the Commission, under the several heads of Buildings, Calendars and Indexes; Duties, &c. of Officers; Transfers, and Printing; and to report fully and distinctly thereon to this Board, half-yearly, viz. immediately after the rising of the Court of Chancery in each long vacation; and lastly, that three of the Members of this Board, viz. the Right Honourable the Earl of Meath, the Right Honourable and Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Kildare, and the Right Honourable the Chief Secretary of the Lord Lieutenant, should be requested to meet the said Committee from time to time, and particularly on Inspection days, and when any matter of moment was to be brought before them for examination or discussion.

The Secretary having stated, that he had proceeded, pursuant to Order, to write to the principal Officers of the several Courts of Justice in *Ireland*, requesting them to prepare classified Schedules or General Inventories of all the Records, Rolls, Books, &c. in their respective Offices or Repositories, in the manner and for the purposes in said Order mentioned; in consequence of which, many Schedules and Inventories had been returned, but that several of them were still outstanding; and the Board having considered the propriety of making an allowance to such Officers, for the expense of Clerks in transcribing such Schedules and Inventories, thereupon Ordered, That the Secretary should call on said several Officers of Courts of Justice, to whom the said Order respecting Schedules and Inventories had been transmitted, for Returns pursuant to said Order, and return Duplicates of same to the proper Officer, as in the said Order specified; and that the sum of One Shilling per folio, for such Schedules and Inventories, be paid to such Officer.

The Board also considering the great necessity that exists of guarding all kinds of Public Records and Muniments from spoliation, erasure or embezzlement, Ordered, That our Secretary should at the same time communicate to the said several Officers of the Courts of Justice, the request of this Board, that they might adopt such means as might seem to them expedient to prevent such mischief occurring to any Records, Rolls, Books, Papers, or other Public Documents in their care or custody.

And at a subsequent Meeting of the Board, holden at the Office of the Right Honourable the Chief Secretary of the Lord Lieutenant, on Monday the 26th day of October 1812, the Secretary having stated that he had received a Letter from the Solicitor General, through whose medium the Order of the Board requesting access to the Records in the Castle of Kilkenny had been transmitted to the Earl of Ormonde, in which Letter the Solicitor General mentioned his Lordship's acquiescence with the wishes of the Board, and that he would write to his Agent to give free access to his Evidence Chamber; the Board Ordered, That said Letter should be entered on the Minutes, and that the Secretary should write, in the name of this Board, to the Right Honourable the Earl of Ormonde, expressing the thanks of this Board for his Lordship's obliging compliance with their wishes; and that the thanks of the Board should be in like manner communicated to the Solicitor General, for the trouble he had taken on the occasion.

The Board also Ordered, That the Secretary should take measures for having the binding of all the Calendars, Indexes and Books of Reference, in the Rolls Office and Record Room, properly repaired, and such as are in very bad condition rebound; and that Port-folios should be prepared for the Inquisitions Post Mortem, after they should have undergone a process of sponging and pressing, to which those of each County were to be submitted, as soon as their respective Repertories were finished, in the manner recommended by the Sub-Commissioners on the Rolls Office.

The Board having taken into their consideration that part of the Certificate of the Visitors from the Committee of Observation, &c. annexed to the Sixth Quarterly Report, in which they advert to the weight of the Records, &c. placed in the Dome of the Four Courts, which, they stated, endangered the security of the Building; and having also taken into consideration the Observations of the said Visitors, respecting the

condition of the Buildings' in which the Wills and Records of the Prerogative Office are lodged, and their recommendation respecting the necessity of removing into one Public Building the several Records and Offices connected with the Courts of Justice, and which were and are at present dispersed in various private Dwelling-houses; thereupon Ordered, That the Secretary should write, in the name of the Board, to the Right Honourable the Chief Secretary of the Lord Lieutenant, and intimate the wishes of this Board, that his Grace might be pleased to direct that some extensive Building should be procured as a temporary Repository to receive the above-mentioned several Records and Offices, until the intended Additions to the Four Courts should be completed.

The Board having also taken into consideration the Statement made in the Returns of the Sub-Commissioners on the Auditor General's Office, of various Equity Pleadings having been found by them amongst the Public Documents in the Dome of the Four Courts; and also that part of the Second General Report made by the Secretary, adverting to this subject, under the head of Transfers, and representing that said Pleadings belonged to the Rolls Office, and should be transferred to that Repository; thereupon Ordered, That the Secretary should write, in the name of the Board, to the Right Honourable the Chief Secretary of the Lord Lieutenant, requesting an Order from his Grace the Duke of Richmond, directing the Auditor General, his Deputy, or other proper Officer, to deliver over the said Chancery Pleadings to the Deputy of the Master of the Rolls, or such other proper Officer as should be authorized to receive them, to be lodged among the Pleadings of a similar nature in the Record Room of the Rolls Office.

And at a subsequent Meeting of the Board, holden at the house of the Right Honourable the Lord Chancellor, on Tuesday the 22d day of December 1812, the Secretary reported, That no further progress had been made since the last Meeting of the Board, under their Order respecting Buildings, as a communication had been entered into between the Board and Government relative to that subject, which rendered it necessary to defer acting on the above Order. He then laid before the Board, a Letter from the Right Honourable Robert Peel, dated the 24th day of November last, on the subject of Buildings; which being read, and taken into consideration, It was Ordered, That said Letter should be entered on the Minutes; and that it should be referred to the Committee of Observation, to ascertain and report to the Board whether any extensive Buildings could be procured suitable to the purpose mentioned in said Letter, and on what terms the same could be procured; and that the Secretary should bring up said Report to the Lord Chancellor, for the purpose of being laid before Government, if it should meet with his Lordship's approbation: And it was at the same time also Ordered, That the Order appointing the Committee of the principal Officers of the Four Courts, so far as related to the construction of additional Buildings, should be for the present suspended.

The Secretary then stated, That he had received a Letter from the Honourable and Reverend Richard Ponsonby, through whose medium the Order of the Board, requesting access to the Records of the Castle of Lismore, had been transmitted to the Duke of Devonshire, in which Letter Mr. Ponsonby mentioned his Grace's acquiescence with the wishes of the Board; whereupon the Board Ordered, That the Secretary should write, in the name of this Board, to his Grace the Duke of Devonshire, expressing their thanks for his Grace's obliging compliance with their wishes; and that the thanks of the Board should be in like manner communicated to the Honourable and Reverend Richard Ponsonby, for the trouble he had taken on the occasion.

A Report made by Mr. Duhigg, dated the fourth day of December last, stating his plan for editing Lodge's List of Patentee Officers, and other matters connected with that subject, was then read; and the Board having taken the same into consideration, as also the Statement made by the Secretary, respecting the Repertory now forming to the Patent Rolls, Ordered, That until some progress should be made on said Repertory, the printing of Lodge's List of Patentee Officers should be suspended; and that in the meantime Mr. Duhigg should be informed, that the Board did not feel itself authorized to adopt his plan.

A Report of the progress made by the Sub-Commissioners appointed to prepare a Catalogue of the College Manuscripts for the press, being then read; It was Ordered, That the said Sub-Commissioners, besides making their usual Monthly Returns to the Secretary, should make a Quarterly Report of their progress under the Order of the Board.

The Report of Mr. Fowler, Sub-Commissioner on the Surveyor General's Office, stating the obstructions he had met with in the execution of the Order for binding and repairing the Books and Maps of the Down Survey, was then read; and the Board thereupon Ordered, That the Secretary should write, in the name of the Board, to the Right Honourable the Chief Secretary of the Lord Lieutenant, requesting him to submit the urgency of the matter to his Grace the Lord Lieutenant, and requesting his Grace's directions to the Surveyor General, to permit the immediate execution of the said Order.

The Report of the Committee of Observation, &c. on the Plan of a Repertory to the Plea Rolls in Birmingham Tower, was then read; and the Secretary stated, that the formation of a Repertory to the Patent Rolls in the Tower had been stopped, in consequence of Sir William Betham's resignation as Sub-Commissioner thereon; and it appearing that the progress of said Repertory should be concurrent with that forming in the

Rolls Office, the Board thereupon Ordered, That John Conroy, Esq. Barrister at Law, should be appointed Sub-Commissioner, conjointly with Mr. Nash of the Rolls Office, and Mr. Warburton, for carrying into execution the Order of the Board respecting the Records, &c. in Birmingham Tower.

For the purpose of producing an uniformity in the Repertories preparing for the Inquisitions post Mortem, &c. the Board also Ordered, That the duties of Mr. Hardiman, who was then engaged with an Assistant on the Inquisitions in the Rolls Office, should be also extended to the Inquisitions in the Chief Remembrancer's Office, in which Mr. Litton was then engaged: And in order to forward Mr. Nash's progress on the Memoranda Rolls, in said last-mentioned Repository, the Board Ordered, That Mr. Richard Edwards should be joined with him as an Assistant Sub-Commissioner thereon. The Board also Ordered, in the view of accelerating the progress of the several Calendars and Repertories preparing for the press, That the Secretary, with the approbation of the Committee of Observation, should be at liberty to combine the exertions of the several Sub-Commissioners employed on Birmingham Tower, the Rolls, and Chief Remembrancer's Offices, or any of the other Departments, by employing the whole, or any of them, on any of the Works forming in the said Repositories.

A Letter written by the Secretary on the 14th of November last, to John Caley, Esq. Secretary to the English Board of Public Records, was then read; in which he stated the wishes of the Board to be supplied with such printed Works as the English Board had published since June 1811, and also twelve Copies of the Proceedings of the Commission printed by the House of Commons the 5th June last, for the use of such Members of the Board as were not Members of Parliament, and of the several Sub-Commissioners employed under it; and also requesting to be informed as to the progress made on the Transcript of Pope Nicholas's Taxation for *Ireland*, promised last year to Mr. Pole: After which, Mr. Caley's Answer thereto was read, stating, that the English Record Board had given directions for furnishing the several Publications desired, to be delivered in London; and, as to Pope Nicholas's Taxation, that they had given permission to Mr. Vanderzee, to furnish a Copy of said Record to this Board, on an arrangement being made with him as to time and expense: Whereupon the Board Ordered, That said Letter should be entered on the Minutes, and that the Secretary should write, in the name of the Board, to the English Board, returning them thanks for their readiness in complying with their wishes in this matter: And the Board also Ordered, That the Secretary should ascertain the terms on which the Copy of Pope Nicholas's Taxation would be supplied; and on same being approved of by the Committee of Observation, &c. that it should be forthwith procured.

At a subsequent Board of the Commissioners, holden at the house of the Right Honourable the Lord Chancellor, on this day, a Report by the Committee of Observation, made pursuant to an Order of the last Board, referring to them a Letter from the Right Honourable Robert Peel, on the subject of Buildings, &c. was laid by the Lord Chancellor, to whom it had been presented, before the Board, and read; as also, Mr. Johnson's several Estimates for fitting up Moira House, and the unfinished Building of the King's-Inns Society, as a Registry and Repository for Records: And the said Report and Plans having been taken into consideration, and the Board having approved of the recommendation in said Report, respecting the Buildings and Ground of the King's-Inns Society, Ordered, That a Copy of said Letter and Report should be annexed to the present Annual Report to Your Royal Highness; and that in the meantime our Secretary should be directed to transmit a Copy of this Order, and the Documents referred to therein, to the Right Honourable the Chief Secretary of the Lord Lieutenant, for His Grace's consideration and commands thereon: And the Board also Ordered, That the Order appointing the Committee of the principal Officers of the Four Courts, should be altogether rescinded; and that the subject-matter of such Order, together with the allocation of the several Record Offices about to be removed to the Round Tower in the lower Castle Yard, should be referred to the Committee of Observation, to report specially thereon, previously to the next Meeting of the Board.

The first Quarterly Report of progress made by the Sub-Commissioners on the Catalogue of the College Manuscripts, was then read; after which a Book, known by the name of Vallancey's Green Book, or Irish Historical Library, purchased by the Secretary, at the instance of Government, and with the approbation of the Board, was laid on the Table: Whereupon the Board Ordered, That the Secretary should take charge of said Manuscript Book, and make an entry of same in the Catalogue of the MSS. &c. belonging to the Board; and that the said Sub-Commissioners on the College Catalogue should report on the propriety of annexing the contents of said Manuscript Book, as an Appendix to the College Catalogue now preparing for the press, the same being an Alphabetical Catalogue of Documents, chiefly MS. relating to Ireland, and referring to the Libraries where they are to be found.

The Board taking into consideration the increase of business which had devolved upon the Secretary, in the progress of the Commission, Ordered, That in future he should be empowered to take to his assistance one of the Sub-Commissioners acting under this Board, for the purpose of examining monthly the Works performed by the Sub-Commissioners employed upon the several Repositories, and drawing up the Quarterly Report of the Work so executed, preparatory to the inspection of the Committee of Observation, &c.

It was then stated, that no opportunity had been afforded of calling together the Committee appointed on the Down Survey; and the Secretary laid before the Board a Letter from Mr. Fowler, inclosing another from the Chief Secretary of the Lord Lieutenant to the Surveyor General, stating the desire of His Grace the Lord Lieutenant respecting the Parish Maps of the Down Survey; whereupon the Board Ordered, That said Letter be referred to the Committee on the Down Survey, who were requested to make a Report before the first day of next Term, for the purpose of the same being transmitted, with Messrs. Harding and Fowler's Reports on the Surveyor General's Office, as a Supplement to the present or Third Annual Report to Your Royal Highness; and that the Earl of Charlemont be added to said Committee, in the absence of the Earl of Rosse, who is in England.

The first half-yearly Report of the Committee of Observation, &c. dated the 18th of March instant, and recommending, among other matters, measures respecting Buildings, Schedules, and Inventories, &c. was then read, and taken into consideration; whereupon the Board Ordered, That Extracts from the said Report, respecting the mode of making up Decrees, &c. should be made, and transmitted to the Lord Chancellor, the Master of the Rolls, and Barons of the Exchequer; and that a Copy of said Report should be added as an Appendix to the present Annual Report; and to which We humbly beg leave to refer Your Royal Highness.

And for the purpose of aiding in the preparation of Lodge's List of Patentee Officers for the press, the Board likewise Ordered, progress having been made in the Repertory to the Patent Rolls, That Rowley Lascelles, Esquire, should be appointed a Sub-Commissioner under this Board, as Mr. Duhigg's Coadjutor in said duty; and that they should forthwith prepare a Plan of said Work, confining their attention to the Documents from which Mr. Lodge's Lists have been formed.

And lastly, We beg leave most humbly to state to Your Royal Highness, that at the present time We have not any other matters to offer for Your Royal Highness's consideration, touching or concerning the premises, or any further Measures to propose thereupon.

All which is most humbly submitted to Your Royal Highness's consideration.

(Signed) MANNERS, C. (L. S.)
MEATH. (L. S.)
CHARLEMONT. (L. S.)
Dublin, 23d March 1813. WILLIAM DOWNES. (L. S.)
JOHN P. CURRAN. (L. S.)

APPENDIX:

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1.—*Mr. Peel's Letter to the Commissioners on the Public Records of Ireland.*

My Lords, and Gentlemen, Dublin Castle, 24th November 1812.

APPENDIX. 1. Mr. Peel's Letter.

I HAVE received, and submitted to the Lord Lieutenant, your Secretary's Letter of the 29th October, inclosing Copies of the Resolutions entered into by you on the 26th October, relative to the expediency of providing a temporary Repository for the several Records in Ireland; and to the transfer of Pleadings, &c. from the Dome of the Four Courts to the Rolls Office: And I am to acquaint you, that directions have been given to the Master of the Rolls, to receive the said Records, to be lodged among the Pleadings of a similar nature, in the Record Room of the Rolls Office.

In regard to the wishes intimated in the said Resolutions, that some extensive Building may be immediately procured, as a temporary Repository for the several Records connected with the Courts of Justice, which are at present dispersed in various private Dwelling-houses; I am to signify his Grace's desire, that you would point out any Building in Dublin, which is to be disposed of, which you conceive suited for the purpose for which it is required: And I am further to suggest, that if any such Building could be now procured, capable of containing the whole of the Records distributed in various parts of the Town, and of keeping them in a proper state of Preservation, it might obviate the necessity of making any Addition to the Four Courts, for the purpose of depositing the Records therein.

I have the honour to be,

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

Robt Peel.

2.—A REPORT on the foregoing Letter.

To His Majesty's Commissioners on the Public Records of Ireland.

The Report of the Committee of Observation, &c.

APPENDIX.

2. Report of the Committee of Observation, &c.

PURSUANT to an Order of your Board, bearing date the 22d day of December last, whereby it was referred to us to ascertain and report whether any extensive Buildings could be procured, suitable to the purposes mentioned in a Letter from the Right Honourable Robert Peel to your Board, dated the 24th day of November last, and on what terms the same could be procured; We have the honour to state, that on the 11th January last, and at several subsequent Meetings, we took the same into our consideration; and now beg leave to submit the following Report:—

Our attention was first directed towards ascertaining whether there was any Building in Dublin, now to be disposed of, capable of containing the whole of the Records which are now distributed in various parts of Dublin, and of keeping them in a proper state of Preservation. We have made every necessary inquiry accordingly, and found that there is not now to be disposed of, any extensive Building which is at present suited to those purposes, or could be made so without very considerable expense.

Under these circumstances, we conceived it our duty to make inquiries for Buildings and Sites of Buildings in Dublin, with a view towards erecting thereon Buildings calculated for a Repository for Records, and for Offices connected therewith: And in making such inquiries, we judged it proper to bear in mind the following points; viz.

1st.—The contiguity and convenience to the Professions attending the Courts of Justice.

2d.—The security of the Repository.

3d.—The time in which it might be finished; and its capability to receive the present, and also the accruing Records: And

4th.—That it should be obtained at a moderate expense.

In the progress of those inquiries, a Plan was stated to us, which had for its object to convert into a Record Repository the unfinished part of the Buildings belonging to the Society of the King's Inns; by which plan it was proposed, on the part of that Society, that the ground on which the unfinished Buildings now stand, and also such portion of the ground adjoining thereto, as should be necessary for the purpose of erecting a suitable Record Repository, and the Offices connected therewith, should be conveyed to the Crown for that purpose, subject only to a nominal Rent.

On consideration of this plan, it appears to us that the obtaining the unfinished Buildings of the Society of the King's Inns, and also a sufficient portion of the ground adjoining thereto, for the purpose of building a Repository for Records, and the necessary Offices connected therewith, at a nominal Rent, would be of such advantage to the Public, that (although it might be desirable that a Record Repository, and the necessary Offices, should be built on a plan similar to that of the Register House at Edinburgh) the proposed plan should be immediately adopted: And we therefore beg leave to state that such is our opinion, and to recommend that a Treaty should be entered into with the Society of the King's Inns; and that its unfinished Buildings, and a portion of the ground adjoining thereto, sufficient for the purpose of building a Repository for Records, and the necessary Offices connected therewith, be obtained from that Society, at a nominal Rent, provided that a sufficient approach to such Buildings and Ground be secured to the Public, as well from Colerain-street, or from Constitution Hill, as from Henrietta-street; and also, that the whole Site so to be conveyed, be vested in the Crown, discharged from all rent and incumbrances, by an Act of Parliament to be obtained for that purpose.

We consider it also our duty to state, that the Ground adjoining the Four Courts did not escape our attention; and although that situation might appear the most eligible for a Record Repository, from its contiguity to the Courts of Justice, we do not venture to recommend that site for the erection of the principal Record Repository, owing to the enormous expense which, we have been given to understand, must necessarily attend the purchase of so large a portion of that ground as would be required for the purpose. Yet as we cannot but consider that there is an absolute necessity for insulating the Courts of Justice, and the Public Offices, we are of opinion that, in effecting this object, there might be at the same time, and at a comparatively small additional expense, some ground at the rear of that Building advantageously applied to the erection of such Offices as may appear too intimately connected with the Courts of Justice to be separated from them without considerable inconvenience.

All which we humbly submit as our Report, this 17th day of February 1813.

(Signed) *William Ball.*
Roderick Connor.
Steuart King.
Francis Corbet.
John Brinkley.
Wm Shaw Mason, Secr.

To His Majesty's Commissioners on the Public Records of Ireland.

3.—*The First Half-yearly Report from the Committee of Observation, Inspection, &c.*

PURSUANT to the Order of the Board, dated 16th July 1812, whereby we were appointed a Committee for observing upon and inspecting all Proceedings had or to be had by the several sets of Sub-Commissioners acting under the Board, and for examining into all and every subject-matter connected with or relating to the Commission; and whereby also, amongst other duties, we were instructed to consider of the general objects of the Commission, under the several heads of Buildings, Calendars and Indexes, Duties, &c. of Officers, Transfers, and Printing; and to report fully and distinctly thereon to the Board half-yearly, viz. immediately after the rising of the Court of Chancery in each long vacation: We have now the honour to report to the Board, that we, having on the 7th day of September last entered upon the duties imposed upon us by the above Order, did at the commencement determine to confine our attention, in the first instance, to the Repositories in which Sub-Commissioners were employed under the Board, and next to extend our inquiries to the other Repositories in which Records are lodged; and did accordingly instruct such of our Body as undertook the Quarterly Inspection in the months of September and December last, and whose Certificates at the foot of the Secretary's Quarterly Reports have been laid before the Board, to direct their attention, not only to the Work executed by the several sets of Sub-Commissioners, but likewise to the general objects of the Commission. We also made arrangements for such a personal inspection and examination to be undertaken in the several Repositories in Dublin, by different Members of the Committee, as that full and satisfactory Answers may be thereby obtained to such of the Queries transmitted by the Board, as have not yet been sufficiently attended to. But as this general inspection must employ some time in completing, and will lead to a considerable detail, the present Report is necessarily confined to such Observations as have resulted from the Quarterly Inspections, together with such general Remarks as our present experience enables us to make on the several heads under which we have been directed to consider of the general objects of the Commission; viz. Buildings, Calendars and Indexes, Duty, &c. of Officers, Transfers, and Printing.

I. *Buildings.*

THE Steps which have been lately taken under the Commission, to provide Public Buildings for all the Record Repositories in Dublin, together with the prevailing opinion of the necessity of such a measure, render it unnecessary for us to offer any reason now in support of it; we shall therefore on that part of this head which respects the Dublin Repositories, barely refer to the Report that we had the honour to make to the Board on this subject, and to repeat the recommendation which we did then submit to their consideration, namely, that, for the reception of Records intimately connected with the Courts of Justice, there should be, in addition to any Repository which may be fitted up for those of a more general nature in another place, some Office or Offices built on the waste ground adjoining to the Four Courts; and that in doing so, the design of insulating the whole of the Buildings on the Inns Quay might be materially forwarded: and also to repeat our further recommendation, that such Buildings as should be procured or erected for Record Repositories, should be forthwith vested in the Crown by Act of Parliament; to which we would add the recommendation of Lord Redesdale, respecting the site of the Four Courts, and to which the attention of the Board has been already called in the Secretary's Second General Report, under the head of "Buildings."

It is here incumbent upon us to advert to the state in which the Records of the Peace Clerks, Crown Clerks, and Diocesan Registers, are placed throughout Ireland, as they have been hitherto, and still are in almost every instance, lodged in private buildings; the consequence of which has been, that a great proportion of this class of Records has been lost or destroyed, as fully appears by the Returns of the several Officers. It will at once be evident to the Board, that this great evil must necessarily increase, unless the cause be removed: we do therefore humbly, but strongly, state, that in our opinion some legislative provision is indispensably necessary for procuring permanent Public Buildings for the Records of the Peace Clerks and those of the Crown Clerks, in every County Town; and also, fit Public Repositories in every Diocese, for the Diocesan Records, as heretofore is more fully dwelt upon in the above-mentioned Second General Report made by the Secretary: And so fully convinced are we of the urgent necessity of this measure, that it is respectfully submitted to the consideration of the Board, whether the present Session should be permitted to pass over without the subject being laid before Parliament. Previously to the conclusion of this head, it is necessary to call the attention of the Board to the Depositions taken before the Examiners of the Court of Exchequer, which, having been hitherto kept in the dwelling of the Officer, have in many instances been treated by him and his representatives as private property; the consequence of which has been, that they have suffered the fate of all Records similarly circumstanced, and, on the death or change of the Officer, been but seldom forthcoming.

II. *Calendars*

APPENDIX. 3. First Half-yearly Report from the Committee of Observation, &c.

II. *Calendars and Indexes.*

UNDER this head, wherein we shall beg leave to consider as well Inventories, Schedules, and Repertories, as Calendars and Indexes, we regret being obliged to begin by stating, that the several Keepers of Record Repositories have in general neglected the Orders of the Board respecting the transmission of classified Schedules and Inventories; a measure which is so necessary for obtaining a knowledge of the contents of the several Record Repositories, and laying the foundation of an effectual system of controul over the Officers, that their neglect must operate to impede the progress of the Board, and of those acting under them; a faithful list of the contents of an Office being an essential preliminary to any inquiry respecting the nature of the Records, and any plan for their arrangement or disposition. Feeling the necessity of this measure so strongly as we do, we consider ourselves called upon to recommend to the Board to take some immediate steps for inforcing their orders on this subject; to effect which, perhaps the best mode would be, to insert a Clause or Clauses, in any Bill which it may be advisable to recommend on the subject of Buildings, rendering it mandatory on the Officers to transmit to the Secretary of this Commission such Inventories, on receiving a proper remuneration from the Board, for the additional trouble it may occasion.

To the utility and best mode of forming Repertories, we paid much attention previously to the Repertory of the Patent Rolls having been commenced, and did agree upon a plan, which the Sub-Commissioners employed on this Work are now pursuing; which plan, provided it shall meet the approbation of the Board, should, in our opinion, be followed in such Repertories as shall in future be executed under the Commission, as we think it advisable that uniformity should be preserved as far as possible in all works of a similar nature.

In treating of Calendars and Indexes, we shall refrain for the present from recommending any new Works of this description, as in our opinion it is advisable that those now in hand should be completed before new ones be commenced; and as it may hereafter be our duty, during the progress of the Commission, to revert perhaps more than once to the subject, when, in particular instances, it shall come under consideration. It is however incumbent upon us here to observe, that the formation of Calendars and Indexes has been much neglected in the various Record Repositories, as in numerous instances there does not exist any Book of Reference to valuable and voluminous Records; and even in those cases in which they have been formed, we have found them defective in most essential points. In corroboration of the latter remark, we beg leave to instance the Rolls and Chief Remembrancer's Offices, in which it is impossible to refer to a Decree by means of the denomination of the Lands affected by it; so that if an inquirer be ignorant of the date of the Decree, or the immediate parties to it, his search in these Offices must necessarily be in vain. We shall upon the whole close this head by stating, that in our opinion the Indexes and Repertories which have been hitherto commenced, are Works which are much required in the respective Repositories in which they are forming, and appear to us to be proceeded in with care and expedition.

III. *Duty, &c. of Officers.*

UNDER this head, we beg leave to revert to part of what we have urged under that of Calendars and Indexes, when we regretted the neglect of Officers in transmitting Inventories and Schedules pursuant to the Orders of the Board; the first duty of an Officer, as we humbly conceive, being to ascertain the contents of the Office which it is his duty to superintend; without such knowledge, he can neither know what Records he is accountable for, nor be able to afford satisfactory intelligence respecting them to the Public. That this duty has not been generally performed, we feel ourselves warranted in concluding, if from no other circumstance, from the reluctance of so many Officers to transmit the required Inventories; which is the best apology that can be offered for their not having yet complied with the Order.

After having ascertained what Records are lodged in any Repository, the next obvious duty of an Officer is to arrange them, so as that they may be well preserved and easily found; for this purpose the best measures appear to be in progress in those Offices which we have inspected; and in the Rolls Office, and in the Dome of the Four Courts particularly, the arrangement is nearly complete. When so arranged, if the Records have proper Marks and Books of Reference suited to their nature and importance, all that remains to be effected is to obtain for the Public as ready access to them as is consistent with the prevention of idle curiosity. The mode of effecting this has been pointed out by the Select Committee of the English House of Commons, in the year 1800, and afterwards in the Secretary's Second General Report, where they recommend that the Officer should be remunerated by Salary, and also by a small reward in Fees on each respective search. The remarks which we have hitherto offered to the Board under this head, refer to the duty of Officers respecting such Records as shall have been already lodged with them; but in Offices where Records are still forming, much remains to be said respecting the mode of preparing and making them up, since upon this at least as much depends as upon the care of them afterwards. And in adverting to this subject, we regret having to state to the Board, that in our inspections we have witnessed many Records of the most valuable description made up in such a slovenly manner, as to bid defiance to any care in the Officer to give them durability, or to render them of any utility to the Public. We here principally refer to the modern Decrees in Chancery; and shall,

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for the information of the Board, insert a Copy of the Note taken on this subject by the Visitors for December Quarter, upon the spot, and prefer giving their words, as the best mode of conveying the impression made upon them, while the subject was fresh in their minds. They state as follows: " The present manner of " enrolling Decrees in Chancery demands most serious attention, and calls for some immediate correction. " There have been in this Office, during the last 150 years, many alterations in the mode of enrolling Decrees, " all of them perhaps equally well answering the purpose, provided they had been carefully prepared, and " uniformity preserved. But the present mode deviates from former Enrolments, in some respects much for " the worse. And the Decrees are so carelessly written and prepared, as to render them a disgrace to the " present time, and useless lumber to posterity."

" In the 4th year of James II. the Enrolments were made up in Rolled Books, each Book having its " membranes of equal size, containing the Rolls of the year, and varying in bulk according to the number and " length of the Decrees. In the 5th year of James II. each Six Clerk to whom the enrolling of Decrees was " at that time committed, sent in his own Decrees of the year in one Roll; since that, the Decrees have been " frequently sent separately, as they are at present; and ever since the year 1774, there has been a great falling " off from the care with which the Enrolments were formerly prepared, so much so, that the Enrolments of " the present day may be said to be scarcely legible, and so evidently incorrect as to lose much of their " authenticity, even if they could be read. The writing is confused and careless, bad and straggling; the " parchment dirty and weak; the membranes not cut to match; and the ink of a bad quality; while there is " neither heading, margin, nor cover to the Record, which being written on both sides, one of them is " necessarily much exposed. On all these accounts, it is clear that these Records, of so much consequence to " individuals, must soon be of little value."

" This evil cannot be too strongly marked, nor too soon repressed: The Enrolments should be made with " care; each Six Clerk should provide good parchment of the same quality, and cut to the same breadth; " the Decree should be enrolled on Rolls of the same dimensions as to height, written with good ink, in a " strong hand, and only on one side of the parchment; and should be accurately compared, first by the Six " Clerk, and possibly afterwards by the Register, or some person authorized by him, as it has been stated " that he keeps the Paper Decrees."

The recommendation at the end of the foregoing Note, respecting Ink, Parchment, Writing, &c. should be extended to the Records, generally, in the different Repositories which we have had an opportunity of inspecting, and particularly in the Office of the Chief Remembrancer, in which there are so many Records of a similar nature to those in the Rolls Office. We shall here also, for the reason given at the head of the former Note, insert the Note taken by the Visitors in September last, in their inspection of the Chief Remembrancer's Office; and beg leave to refer to it, not only for the particular suggestions contained in it relating to that Office, and the Rolls Office, to which it more particularly refers, but also for the general recommendations therein stated. It proceeds as follows: " Some arrangement seems necessary for the making up of Decree Rolls in a " manner more worthy of Records of such importance. The parchment leaves should be of uniform " breadth; and some persons should be employed to engross them, who could and would write a good hand; " so that the writing should be plainly legible, and without contractions, which is not now the case. The " Enrolments of the Decrees here necessarily run to great length, in consequence of the Bill and Answer being " set out in hæc verba. This tends necessarily to lengthen the Rolls, and of course increase their bulk, " which, where it is possible, should by every means be avoided. It should therefore be arranged, both in this " Office and the Rolls Office, that all Enrolments of Decrees should state the Bill and Answer, &c. merely as " to substance, but the decretal part at full length: this could not be attended with any inconvenience, the " Bill and Answer being preserved in the proper Offices, to be referred to when necessary. The Chief Remem- " brancer might still have his fees, proportioned to the length of the pleadings, as at present; it being neces- " sary that he should examine them, to see that they are properly stated in the Decree, and as it appears " that otherwise he would be injured by the arrangement here recommended for the advantage of the Public. " It would also be desirable, that the mode of keeping the Records here and in the Rolls Office should, as far " as is practicable, correspond. And perhaps many of the measures here suggested, might (if thought worthy " of adoption) be carried into effect in the Rolls and Chief Remembrancer's Offices, by being, on a " conference with the Lord Chancellor and the Barons of the Exchequer, made Rules of their respective " Courts."

Pursuant to the suggestions contained in these Notes, in our opinion it would be advisable that all Pleadings of the same description should be engrossed on Parchment of the same size; and from the great deficiencies in the quality of the Ink and Parchment used in the several Record Repositories, it may be a subject well worthy the attention of the Board, to consider whether some steps should not be taken for providing Ink and Parchment of the best quality, for the Public Records, from some person who should alone be responsible for the goodness of them.

IV. *Transfers.*

THE suggestions which, under this head, we shall have the honour to make to the Board, are chiefly the result of a general principle of convenience to which we are hitherto not aware of any exception, namely, that Records of the same description should be lodged together in the same Repository. It appears from the Returns of the Officer, that several Patent and Close Rolls are lodged in Birmingham Tower, which Mr. Lodge, who was Deputy Keeper of that Repository, and also of the Rolls Office, states to have belonged to the last-mentioned Repository: We do therefore humbly recommend that these Patent Rolls be transferred from Birmingham Tower to the Rolls Office, as has been suggested in the Report of Searches by the English Sub-Commissioners in 1806, by the Sub-Commissioners on the Rolls Office, and in the Secretary's Second General Report. We beg leave further to suggest, that the several Transmisses of Statutes, which are lodged in the former Repository, should likewise be removed to the latter; as also some Transmisses, and a Repertory to the Rolls, which are now in the Parliament Office.

Under this head we have also to state to the Board, that on our last quarterly inspection, it appeared that several Patent and Close Rolls had been found in the Chief Remembrancer's Office, by the Sub-Commissioners employed there; respecting the disposition of which, the Board will have at some future day to decide. But of these there are some which clearly belong to the Rolls Office, as, for instance, the Patent Roll of 29th Edward III, and 22d Edward IV, which have the common heading of the Chancery Rolls, viz. "Rotulus Patens Cancellariæ." Such Rolls as the last-mentioned, should doubtless be removed to the Repository, to which they so evidently belong.

V. *Printing.*

ON this head we have already been so fully anticipated, that we beg leave to decline recommending any measures upon it at present; but to content ourselves with referring to the Secretary's Second General Report, in which the subject has been fully and satisfactorily entered into, and to reserve ourselves for such particular recommendations of Works for printing, as may suggest themselves to us during the progress of the Commission.

Upon the whole, we have, pursuant to the Order of the Board, reported upon the general objects of the Commission, under the several heads to which we were directed to pay attention, but have endeavoured to confine our remarks and recommendations to such measures only as, in our opinion, it would be advisable to carry into effect immediately, reserving more distant objects to the time in which they may duly demand consideration.

Amongst the measures which, in the discharge of our duty, we have had the honour to recommend to the Board, some, as we have before stated, may require an Act of Parliament for carrying them into complete effect; and as we have endeavoured to press no measure which does not appear to us to be urgent, we further beg leave to submit to the consideration of the Board, whether it might not be expedient that a Bill should be forthwith prepared for those purposes, and such others, relating to the Commission, as may appear to the Board to require the interposition of the Legislature.

All which is respectfully submitted, this 18th day of March 1813.

(Signed) *William Ball.*
Roderick Connor.
John Brinkley.
Steuart King.
Francis Corbet.
Wm Shaw Mason, Secr.

SUPPLEMENT

TO THE

THIRD ANNUAL REPORT

ON THE

PUBLIC RECORDS OF IRELAND.

1813.

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I.

The Commissioners' Supplemental Report.

TO HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS GEORGE PRINCE OF WALES,

REGENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND,

IN COUNCIL.

I. Commissioners' Supplemental Report.

WE, the Commissioners, constituted and appointed by His Majesty's Royal Commission, bearing date the 30th day of August 1810, for carrying into execution the Measures recommended in the humble Address of the House of Commons to His Majesty, with respect to the State of the Public Records of *Ireland*, and the necessity of providing for the better arrangement, preservation, and more convenient use of the same; whereby We, the said Commissioners, are authorized and empowered to nominate and appoint, from time to time, Persons of ability, care and diligence, to act as Secretary, and Sub-Commissioners, to be employed in methodizing, regulating and digesting the Records, Rolls, Instruments, Books and Papers, in His Majesty's several Offices; and in causing such of the said Records as are decayed, and in danger of being destroyed, to be bound and secured; and in making exact Calendars and Indexes thereof; and in superintending the printing of such Calendars and Indexes, and original Records and Papers as should be ordered to be printed; and to certify unto the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury for the time being, what would be a fit and suitable recompence to such Secretary and Sub-Commissioners respectively, for their pains and services in the execution of the duties required to be by them performed: And We the said Commissioners, or any three or more of us, are further required, on or before the 25th day of March in every year during the continuance of the said Commission, to certify to His Majesty's Privy Council, in the manner therein directed, all and every of the several Proceedings of Ourselves and the said Sub-Commissioners had by virtue of the said Commission; together with such other Matters, if any, as might be deserving His Majesty's Royal Consideration, touching or concerning the premises;—

Do most humbly beg leave to certify to Your Royal Highness, That We have proceeded in the further execution of the several Works stated in our last Report to Your Royal Highness in Your Privy Council; and We now beg leave most humbly to lay before Your Royal Highness the following Matters, as an Appendix or Supplement to Our said Third Annual Report on the Public Records of *Ireland*.

And We further beg leave most humbly to state to Your Royal Highness, that at the present time We have not any other matters to offer for Your Royal Highness's consideration, touching or concerning the premises, or any further matter to propose thereupon.

All which is most humbly submitted to

Your Royal Highness's Consideration.

Dublin,
the 21st October 1813.

CHARLEMONT. (L. S.)
ROBERT PEEL. (L. S.)
WM FITZGERALD. (L. S.)
PATRICK DUIGENAN. (L. S.)

II.

To His Majesty's Commissioners on the Public Records of Ireland.

The Report of the Committee on the Down Survey.

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WE, the Committee, to whom it was referred to inquire and report to the Board, Whether the Proceedings taken in the late Irish Parliament, for making General Vallancey's Copy of the Barony Maps of the Down Survey, Evidence, ought not to be revived, by bringing forward a Bill in Parliament for that purpose, have met on Tuesday the 6th, and Wednesday the 7th of April; and the existing Maps of the Down Survey, as well as the Copies of Maps made from them in the Library of the King of France, by General Vallancey and Major Taylor, being laid before us, we proceeded to examine all such Witnesses as were stated to us, or that we could discover, to be likely to give us any material information on the subject of our Inquiry; and we have, in an Appendix, inserted the Evidence given before us by the several Witnesses examined. With respect to the occasion and manner of making the Down Survey, and its present condition, arising as well from length of time, as to the existing parts, as also the destruction of great part of that Survey by an accidental fire in the year 1711, the Board is already sufficiently informed; and we shall therefore confine ourselves to matters which appear to us to fall directly within the object of our inquiry.

We find that the existing parts of the Down Survey, and we presume that such parts as were destroyed by fire in the year 1711, consisted of two sets of Maps; one set containing a Map of each Barony into which the several Counties are divided, and the other a separate Map of each Parish. Those Baronial Maps are in general on a scale of 160 perches to an inch, but in some the scale is so small as 320 perches to an inch. The Parochial Maps existing are in general on a scale of 80, but some on a scale of 40 perches, to an inch. In addition to these Maps, there are to each of them now existing, and probably the same plan was followed through the whole Work, manuscript pages of references, giving the Contents of each denomination of Land, stating the names of the former Proprietors who had forfeited them, in the instances where they had been forfeited, in the Rebellion of 1641, and the names of the Persons to whom new grants of them were made by the Crown.

From the difference of the Scale on which the Baronial and Parochial Maps are formed, there are in almost all, if not in every one, of the Parochial Maps, numerous names of denominations of Lands, which are not mentioned in the Baronial Maps of the existing Down Survey, the Baronial Maps noticing only the Parishes, and most considerable denominations of the Lands.

The Copies made by General Vallancey and Major Taylor, are faithful Transcripts of those in the French King's Library; from which they were copied by them and their Assistants. Of this fact we have no reason to doubt. And these Maps we have in some instances, and some of the Witnesses have in many more, compared with the existing Maps of the Down Survey; and from their general agreement with the existing parts of the Down Survey (from which very few and slight differences appear, in the examinations made by the Witnesses, and shown to us, between these Copies and the Baronial Maps existing, as to the Boundaries marked in each), we are led to believe that a similar agreement existed between these Copies and the parts of the Down Survey, which have been destroyed; and that the whole of the Maps, from whence General Vallancey and Major Taylor have made these Copies, agreed as closely with the Baronial Maps of the Down Survey as could be expected in manuscript Maps, made from the same materials, or copied the one from the other. This difference however ought to be observed, that the Maps in the French King's Library are only the Baronial, and not the Parochial Maps, and are, in every instance we have observed, on the same Scale with the Baronial Maps existing, except one, where the Scale of the French Map was larger than the corresponding Map existing in the Down Survey; and the Person who drew the French Maps, appears to have inserted, in most instances, numerous names of parcels of Land, in these Baronial Maps, not found in the Baronial Maps of the Down Survey, existing now in the Castle; but which names appear to have been taken from the Parochial Maps. The Person who drew the French Maps, thus appears to have endeavoured to make the Baronial Maps contain all that was contained in the Baronial and Parochial Maps of the Down Survey; but this object, from the smallness of the Scale of the Baronial Maps, compared with those of the existing Parochial Maps, cannot be supposed to be equally well attained as in the existing Parochial Maps, which, we must also observe, are those which have been almost always called for, when it is necessary to give in evidence any Copy from the Down Survey.

We find that the subject now referred to us by the Board, was before the Parliament of Ireland in the year 1790; when a Bill passed the House of Commons, for making these Copies of the Maps in the French King's Library, taken by General Vallancey and Major Taylor, evidence, in like manner as the remaining part of

II. Report of the Committee on the Down Survey.

the Down Survey now is, and as the part destroyed would have been, if it had not been destroyed; that is, in fact, to make this Copy an Original Record.

Upon that occasion, it appears that considerable apprehension was entertained that public inconvenience might be occasioned by passing this Bill into a law, and the Session was allowed to close, without the Bill passing the House of Lords; and, notwithstanding the importance of the subject, neither House of Parliament ever thought fit afterwards to take any steps upon it.

It cannot but be lamented that the Down Survey, so important a document to this Country, should have suffered so much injury, as from time and accident it has sustained; but whatever objections lay in the year 1790, to making the Copies of the French Maps evidence, these seem to us rather to have increased in force by the time that has since elapsed, certainly not to have diminished, save so far as the Stat. 48th Geo. III. chap. 47. may, in respect to the Crown, be considered to have diminished apprehensions of danger to the subject from this measure.

The principal argument, in favour of making these Copies evidence, that seems to us to have any apparent force, is, that as we cannot but think that the destruction of so much of the Down Survey as has been unfortunately burned was a great public loss, so the restoration of it must be a proportionate public benefit.

But to this it may be answered, that if, recently after the destruction of the burned Parochial Maps, others had been formed as competent to supply their places as the Copies made by General Vallancey and Major Taylor would have been, if then made, to supply the places of the Baronial Maps, we should think that it would have been a public benefit to have had them thus restored: But these Copies, from the smallness of the Scale on which they are drawn, do not appear to us competent to supply the places of the lost Parochial Maps, even if the loss were perfectly recent; and the Parochial Maps appear to us, from the largeness of the Scale on which they were drawn, and also from the Evidence we have had before us, to be much more valuable documents, and much more frequently used in evidence than the Baronial Maps: And if these Copies could, more perfectly than from their Scale it is possible, supply the loss of the Parochial Maps which have been burned, we conceive it would be a great and important question of public policy, whether it would now be prudent, after the lapse of a century from the time of their destruction, to put these Copies on the footing of original Records? or, whether it ought now to be desired, if it were possible, that the Maps destroyed should be now actually restored?

If indeed these public Documents had continued to be preserved without injury, their effect in evidence would have been gradually produced; and in whatever degree they could influence the right or possession of property, that influence could not have been complained of by any body. They were the evidence of rights existing at the time of their formation; and, from their nature, not likely to have occasioned any sudden change in the rights of individuals, or the evidence of those rights, or any unexpected claims. But if, when a great part of the Down Survey has been actually out of existence for a whole century, a sudden restoration of it, or a substitution of a Document to supply its place, were to be effected, however well authenticated the restored Maps might be, or however well satisfied we might be of the accuracy of the Maps restored or substituted; we cannot undertake to say that we can clearly foresee all the consequences that might follow from such becoming Evidence, or pronounce decisively, that those consequences would be plainly beneficial to the Public; and that in opposition to the implied opinion of the House of Lords in the year 1790, in suffering the Bill to drop, and what may also be reasonably inferred to have been the opinion of the King's Government, and of Parliament afterwards, by the subject being suffered to rest without being again brought before Parliament. The Statute of Limitations, in cases between individuals, might perhaps in many cases prevent any apprehended mischief. But we have not before us, nor can we expect, satisfactory evidence, that Claims, to which such Statutes would not apply, might not originate from the measure of making those Maps original Records, and property be thus disturbed, which has been long quietly and peaceably enjoyed, and transmitted from man to man in all the modes of legal purchase, without apprehension of any such Claims being made, or of any defect in the Title.

We therefore cannot bring ourselves to advise, that an application should be made to Parliament to substitute those Copies of the Maps in the French King's Library as Evidence in the place of those parts of the Down Survey which have been destroyed.

We further report it as our opinion, that much of the remaining parts of the Down Survey is in very bad condition, and likely to grow rapidly worse, and perhaps at no very distant period to be almost destroyed. One of the Witnesses examined before us, Mr. Brownrigg, an experienced Surveyor, upon being asked, Whether the remaining Maps might not be better preserved by being pasted in books, consisting of large strong sheets of paper? expressed his apprehension, that as they must, for this purpose, be made damp by the paste with which they must be attached to the paper, this might affect the Scale on which they are drawn; and recommended rather, that the edges of the existing Maps and of the remaining pieces of those partly burned should be pasted on such sheets of paper, cutting away so much of the paper as the Map or piece would cover,

with the exception of a small portion, perhaps about an inch, wherever the edges of the Map should be fastened, and then leaving a broad margin on the paper to which the Map may be fastened.

This mode, so suggested by Mr. Brownrigg, we apprehend would not be well calculated for the preservation of the Maps, but on the contrary would, from the weakness of the paper on which the Maps are drawn, expose them, more readily than at present, to be broken and torn at the edge of the part which would be pasted on the fresh paper, and within the hollow part of the paper on which they should be so placed; and besides, if from damping the paper with paste any variation of the Scale should be produced, this objection would lie to the mode proposed by Mr. Brownrigg. But we do not feel the objection of Mr. Brownrigg with much force, as we apprehend, that if the damping the paper should produce any alteration of the Scale, it would be restored to its former state on becoming dry. We therefore recommend that, unless some better mode should be suggested, the remaining Maps and pieces be carefully pasted on strong paper, in books, for their better preservation.

All which is submitted, the 15th day of April 1813.

MEATH. (L. S.)
CHARLEMONT. (L. S.)
NORBURY. (L. S.)
WILLIAM DOWNES. (L. S.)
STANDISH O'GRADY. (L. S.)

An APPENDIX to the foregoing REPORT,

Containing the EVIDENCE given before the COMMITTEE.

Major Taylor.

THE Copies made under the direction of General Vallancey are shewn to him; and he says, they are Copies of the Down Survey, from two books in the Library of the French King at Paris: The Witness copied one of those books; the other volume was copied by a Frenchman, in the presence of General Vallancey and of the Witness. That Copy which Witness made, is an accurate Copy; and he believes the Copy of the other book to be accurate. General Vallancey compared both. Witness was examined before a Committee of Parliament, to the authenticity of these Copies; believes he was sworn. These Copies are made on the same Scale with the Maps from which they are taken; in copying them, a frame with glass was used.

The existing Baronial Map of the Barony of Dartry, in the County of Monaghan, is now shewn to Major Taylor; and, as it appears to have very few names of denominations of Lands, and the Copy made from the French Map of the same Barony contains very numerous names of Lands, Major Taylor is also asked, How he accounted for that difference? He says, he supposes that those names were inserted in the French Barony Maps from the Parochial Maps, and that the Maps in the King of France's Library were made originally for private use.

An existing Parochial Map (part of the Down Survey) viz. the Parishes of Aghabog and Edergale, Barony Dartry, County Monaghan, was compared in our presence with the Copy of the French Map of the Barony in which that Parish is situate: The names of the Parcels of Lands, and the Numbers serving for references, correspond, and are the same in the Copies from the French Maps and in the Parochial Map existing; but the Parochial Map contains the number of acres in the different divisions of the Lands, which are not noticed in the Copy from the French Map.

This Witness was asked, Whether he knew the grounds upon which the measure of making these Copies of the French Maps evidence was given up, after having been before Parliament and passed one House? He answered, that an Ecclesiastical Person, of high rank in the Church, and since deceased, had taken some Notes from the new Copy, which seemed to affect some property of the Church in his Diocese, and he was thought likely to form a Claim on these Notes: that this, the Witness considered as the cause of preventing the measure proceeding; as Government became apprehensive that the measure would affect individuals, if carried into execution. But all this, he says, he has only from report, not from actual knowledge.

Being asked by us his opinion, Whether putting these Maps on the same footing, in point of evidence, as the existing parts of the Down Survey, would be beneficial? He says, he thinks that it would disturb a great deal of property, if made evidence now; it would particularly strengthen the Claims of the Church, and occasion great litigation. He said, that nothing occurred during the time the measure was before Parliament, to induce Witness then to form that opinion of the effects and consequences of these Maps being made evidence;

evidence; but from the objections made then, and subsequent reflections, and what he since heard of the opinion of the then Government, and of the Law Officers of the Crown, who were apprehensive of the effects of the measure, with respect to Claims which might be made by the Church, he has formed his present opinion. But he still thinks, that if the effects of the measure were to be confined to individuals only, and the ascertainment of Boundaries between them, it might be useful.

Mr. Brownrigg,

AN experienced Surveyor, was next examined. He said, that he has often seen the existing Down Survey; and on the new Copies coming from France, he examined them twice, on understanding that it was in contemplation for Parliament to make them evidence: and he was desirous of seeing whether they were true Copies of such as were existing here, and from thence to form an opinion whether the French Maps were true Copies of the whole. They are not on the same Scale with the Parochial Maps. The original Down Survey was in Thirty-one Volumes, Baronial and Parochial Maps; and those copied by General Vallancey, were in Two.

When the business was before Parliament, the Witness had apprehensions of the consequences of making them evidence, and mentioned his apprehensions to Lord Clare. The Witness has never known the Baronial Maps called for in evidence, but the Parochial Maps only; and the Parochial Maps are not in these Copies, but the Baronial Maps only. The Witness does not mean to impeach the veracity of these Copies, but his idea went to the necessity of great caution. Without a minute and careful examination of the existing Baronial Maps with the Copies of the French Maps, and without their being thus found accurate, there would be danger of clashing; and it would not be safe to make the whole evidence without such comparison. The Witness said, that he has had recourse, forty years ago, to another set of the Down Survey, at Shelburne House. It would take much time to make the necessary comparison; and the Witness supposes it impossible that there should not be considerable variations. This Witness further stated, that he had no doubt that Major Taylor's Copies from the French Maps were very accurately made; but that, if the French Maps were actually procured, they ought to be submitted to the same comparison he has mentioned with respect to these Copies, before they should be made evidence.

Mr. Brownrigg being asked, whether the remaining Maps might not be better preserved by being pasted on large strong sheets of paper, bound in books, expressed his apprehension, that as they must for that purpose be made damp by the paste which must be used to fasten them to the paper, this might affect the scale on which they are drawn; and said, that he would prefer to have the edges of the existing Maps, and of the remaining pieces of the Map partly burned, pasted on such sheets of paper, cutting away so much of the paper as the Maps or pieces would cover, with the exception of a small portion, perhaps about an inch, whereon the edge of the Map or piece should be fastened, and then leaving a broad margin on the paper, to which the Map should be fastened.

Mr. Handcock, was then examined.

Said, That in the year 1790, when the subject was under the consideration of Parliament, he was examined before a Committee, and was employed the whole of the Session in comparing the existing part of the Down Survey, with the Copies taken by General Vallancey in France: the Witness had at that time been in the Surveyor General's Office, as Deputy Surveyor General, about 20 years. He compared General Vallancey's Copies with the existing Baronial Maps, but not with the Parochial Maps; the comparison shewed some, but not a great many inaccuracies; and the Witness thought Vallancey's Copies so defective, from the smallness of the Scale, that no use could ever be made of them: He thought then that it would be dangerous to make them evidence, and thinks so still. The Law Lords, Lord Clonmell and Lord Carleton, opposed the Bill. The Baronial Maps, in general, are on a scale of 160 perches to an inch, and some are 320 perches to an inch. The Parochial Maps, in general, are on a scale of 80, in some 40 perches, to an inch.

Mr. Handcock then read some Observations of his own, made at the time that the subject was before Parliament; of which a Copy is set out, after his verbal evidence.

He said, that these Copies of Vallancey's, he thought, might be of some little use, where, in some instances, parts might be defaced in the Originals; but declines giving any opinion on the general utility or inconvenience of making them evidence.

Copy of Mr. Handcock's written Observations, above referred to.

" Down Survey.—Vallancey's Copy.—Particulars.

" When Colonel (late Lord de) Blaquiere attended Lord Harcourt in France, after the Peace of 1763, he took notice of certain Copies of Sir William Petty's Down Admeasurement of the Lands forfeited in Ireland during the Rebellion of 1641. These Maps were Copies of the Baronial Maps only, which were, with others hereafter mentioned, lodged, pursuant to Act of 14 and 15 Chas. II. in His Majesty's Surveyor General of Lands, and Auditor General's Offices, 'there to remain of Record.' These Copies were taken, for his

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own use or advantage, by Sir William Petty, and were by him forwarded to England, but were intercepted on their passage by a French privateer, carried into France, and deposited in the French King's Library: therein they were seen by Colonel Blaquiere, who, when Irish Secretary to Lord Harcourt, in or about 1774, interested Government to apply to France for their restoration; and, as I was informed, so far succeeded (apparently) with the French Ministry, that they were ordered to be given up; but, either from accident or design, had in the interval 'been mislaid.' (It was privately said, they were put into the hands of French artists, to enable them to perfect a Map of Ireland therefrom, for the use of that country.)

"In perusing a Catalogue of the French King's Library, some years after, General Vallancey found them there enumerated. He made his discovery known to Government, and teased them into a renewal of the former application, representing to them the necessity of having at least Copies from them, if the Originals could not be procured, as he said, 'to perfect the defective Surveys, 13 folio books of which, by an accidental fire in 1711, were entirely or in part destroyed.'—N.B. The whole Baronial Maps recovered by his perseverance were contained in two folio books.

"I must observe, that the original Down Surveys (previous to this fire in 1711) which were lodged in the Surveyor General of Lands' Office, under the Act of Charles II. consisted of 31 folio volumes, comprising Survey Maps of all the Lands forfeited by the Rebellion in 1641 (except some, indeed almost all, of the Province of Connaught) detailing in one or more books, the Forfeitures of each County distinctly; the respective Baronies of each (of those Baronial Maps only are Vallancey's composed,) upon a small scale, including as well as they could the denominations of Lands therein; and, upon a more useful and extensive scale, the various denominations contained in the space of the respective Parishes; to each Parish of which a folio sheet was given, that the trace might be correct; also, with the content of acres, the situation of Churches, Castles, Glebes, and other Ecclesiastical Lands, were noted; the Scales by which laid down, and Bearings of the magnetic needle. To all these were added another folio sheet to each Parish, describing its site, bounds, particular denominations, content, forfeiters' names. And in the Auditor General's Books, which were transcripts of references only, without Maps, the names of those Adventurers (who came over with Cromwell to settle the Kingdom in 1649) to whom those Forfeited Lands were subsequently adjudged, and confirmed by the Act of Settlement: This is known by the title of, 'The Book of Distribution.'

"General Vallancey's Copy is a Transcript of the Copy of the original Baronial Maps only, defective of every other likeness or means of information; too minute in many instances to afford the strong contour by which original Boundaries, if defaced by time, could be accurately defined; too confined sometimes in space to declare the quantity, or ascertain Landmarks, such as Castles, Churches, &c. &c.; in some instances, not very many indeed, erroneous, and differing from the Originals as to figure, but totally deficient as to every other source of information afforded by the Originals. To authenticate them generally and entirely as Records, might be dangerous; partially, where the Originals have been destroyed, some use may be safely made of them; but, in no instances should they be admitted to serve as proofs on Trials of Boundaries, unless when none of the Originals can be had.

"Those Surveys (Vallancey's Copy) underwent a long and troublesome comparison with the existing parts of the original recorded Maps of Sir William Petty, before, and by order of, the House of Lords in 1790; and after a Session had been employed in the investigation, the Law Lords and Chief Officers (Lord Chief Justices, the Earl of Clonmell, Lord Carleton, Earl of Farnham, and others) prevented their authentication at that time, avowing their opinions, that to establish them as Records, would open a field for endless litigation between the old and new interests; that the Statute of Limitation sufficiently protected the Crown, the Church, and the possessors undisturbed, for 20 years of undisputed tenure; therefore they deemed it inexpedient to legalize these Copies. This opinion of those Lords suspended further proceedings thereon at that time. N. B. The Copies were taken in France, by General Charles Vallancey, assisted by his Lieutenant, Alexander Taylor, (who, jointly with Skinner, had in 1777 published Maps of the Roads through Ireland,) and a French Engraver; these were employed for two years in Paris, at a considerable expense to the Irish Government, in perfecting those Maps.

"Similar Copies of them were in the possession of the Shelburne family, and deposited in Shelburne House in St. Stephen's Green, where I saw them about the year 1777; and I have been informed, that another Copy was held by Sir Thomas Taylor, the first Lord Bective, at that time.

"The Honourable Robert Rochfort, Surveyor General of Lands, about the year 1787, had Copies made for himself (by O'Brien, whom I appointed) of all such original Books and References as were then perfect, and also of as much of the burned Records as would admit of copying. These were afterwards bound up in Volumes, are tolerably accurate, and on his death were given by Mrs. Rochfort to the Executor, Gustavus Hume Rochfort, Representative for the County of Westmeath, in whose custody they now lie."

The foregoing Observations were made by Mr. Handcock, entered in a private Book of Remarks applicable to the occurrences of the Surveyor General of Lands' Office, wherein the Down Surveys are lodged, and in which Mr. Handcock served as Deputy from April 1773. In referring to those Memorandums, in aid of his recollection, (having left the Office since 1798,) Mr. Handcock found the preceding Note, and as a part of his Evidence handed it in to be copied, stating, that he retains the same opinion therein given.

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Mr. Fowler, was next examined.

HE took considerable pains in examining and comparing Vallancey's Maps with the existing Baronial Maps of the Down Survey with which they agree; but both differ in some respects from the Parochial Maps. The conclusion he formed from his examination is, that the Maps from which Vallancey's Copies are taken, are true Copies of the Baronial Maps of the Down Survey, save that they are fuller of names of Lands; and that Vallancey's Maps are true Copies of them. Thinks that the cause of the Maps, from which General Vallancey copied, being fuller of names than the existing Baronial Maps of the Down Survey, is, as he conceives, that the French Maps are a compound of both the Baronial and Parochial Maps.

Mr. Harding, examined.

HE joined with Mr. Fowler in the same examination: The Maps copied by Vallancey are fuller of names than the existing Baronial Maps of the Down Survey, and these names are taken, as it appears, from the Parochial Maps. There is one instance, in which the Scale of Vallancey's Map is much larger than that of the corresponding Barony Map in the existing part of the Down Survey.

Mr. Neville,

IS a Surveyor: Some years ago he surveyed the Estate of the Blue-coat Hospital, in the County of Tipperary, the Lands of Nodstown. One half of the mearing of those Lands, in the Down Survey existing, is destroyed; the Witness, from General Vallancey's Copy, made out a complete Map of the Lands. The Blue-coat Hospital have lost all that part which was destroyed in the Down Survey. These Lands, in the Down Survey are stated to contain 668 Acres 1 Rood and 24 Perches, and so stated on Vallancey's Map; and by supplying the Boundary by Vallancey's Map, that quantity is included. Thinks it would be serviceable to the Public, to make these Copies evidence; as to individual right, they might in some instances be serviceable; but as to the general benefit of the public at large, he cannot undertake to give an opinion. In particular cases, which he has examined, it would have been beneficial to individuals.

Mr. Bower, of the Auditor General's Office,

WAS examined before Parliament; he had previously examined some of Vallancey's Maps, thought them accurate. Thinks that it might be productive both of utility and of mischief, to make them evidence.

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III.

To His Majesty's Commissioners on the Public Records of Ireland.

The Report of the Sub-Commissioners on the Surveyor General's Office; made pursuant to an Order of the Board of Public Records.

III. Report of the Sub-Comm^rs on the Surveyor General's Office.

THE Sub-Commissioners having received from the Secretary the following Order of the Board, bearing date the 3d of August 1811, viz.

" Ordered, That Messrs. Harding and Fowler, Sub-Commissioners on the Auditor General's Office, laying " aside their Evening occupation in Matters of Record, do proceed immediately, under the authority of this " Board, to make a general Inventory of all the Books, Maps and Papers preserved in the Surveyor General's " Office: And the said Sub-Commissioners are hereby directed to notice particularly the arrangement, con- " dition and security of such Documents, and to report fully thereon to this Board, at their next Meeting." The Sub-Commissioners accordingly proceeded forthwith to examine the Documents preserved in said Office; and find, and report, as follows:—

The Records and Muniments contained in the Surveyor General's Office, consist of,

I. The Maps of the Down Survey.

II. A Copy of the Barony Maps of the Down Survey, taken by General Vallancey from the Originals in Paris.

III. Certain Maps of Lands in various parts of Ireland, surveyed by Order of the Courts of Chancery and Exchequer, at different periods, from the year 1722 to the present time.

IV. Twelve Volumes of rough Distribution Books, belonging to the Down Survey.

V. A large Collection of Reports, &c. addressed to the Court of Claims, in the reign of Charles II.

VI. A small lot of Miscellaneous Books, of various dates; for particulars of which, vide Appendix.

The Maps of the Down Survey were taken by Sir William Petty, about the years 1655 and 1656, under the authority, and by the orders of Government. They consisted, originally, of Books containing the Barony Maps, the Maps of the Parishes in each Barony, an Abstract or Sheet of Reference to each Map, and a Certificate at the beginning of each Volume, signed by Sir William Petty.

In the year 1711, a number of those Volumes were nearly, and some totally, destroyed by a fire, which took place in a House in Essex-street, where the Surveyor General's Office was then kept. The remaining Books of Maps, and the Fragments of the burned ones, are now carefully preserved in the Surveyor General's Office; for the present state of which, see the following " Catalogue of the Maps of the Down Survey."

In order to supply the Deficiencies occasioned by the Fire above-mentioned, General Vallancey, by command of His Majesty, and with the permission of the French King, was employed to take Copies from a set of Barony Maps of the Down Survey, which had been captured by a French Privateer, on their passage from Ireland to England, and deposited in the French King's Library in Paris; which Copies are much more explicit and comprehensive than the Barony Maps now in the Surveyor General's Office, and annexed to those of the Parishes; these containing but the Parochial Subdivision of the Baronies; whilst those copied from the Set in Paris contain not only the same, but also the Boundaries and Title of each denomination, and other particulars, besides a reference by number, which corresponds with the number and particulars contained in the Books of Survey and Distribution preserved in the Auditor General's and Surveyor General's Offices; as the Sub-Commissioners found in several cases, where they had occasion to refer to those Books for the elucidation of difficulties.

These Copies by General Vallancey are, with one or two trivial exceptions, in very good order. But they do not appear to be well situated for future preservation, being deposited at the bottom of a deep chest or box in the Surveyor General's Office, in two large portfolios, each containing upwards of one hundred Maps; a number by much too great to be removed at once; as, every time they are examined they are liable to injury, from the weight of the portfolios, the depth of the chest, and the want of room and convenience in the Office to open and make use of a large set of Maps with safety.

The Sub-Commissioners are therefore of opinion, that they should be divided into Counties or other Subdivisions, with a separate portfolio to each, by which means only a small number of Maps need be removed for a single search; and that they should be placed in appropriate shelves, instead of a box, where all the upper Maps must of necessity be removed before one near the bottom can be procured.

The Maps of the Down Survey are well situated, in convenient shelves, in two Presses, each shelf containing for the most part but a single Book, or a lot of burned Maps, arranged according to the convenience of the Officer who has them in charge. But the Sub-Commissioners are of opinion that the Records in this Office, in general, are neither well secured, nor safe from the danger of fire.

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The burned Maps should be carefully pasted or laid down on blank sheets of paper, under the inspection of some Person qualified to superintend the operation, the detached parts placed in their proper situation, the original order restored, and then bound in Volumes, to correspond with the unburned Maps. The restoration of that original order has been attempted by the Sub-Commissioners, in the following Catalogue, to which they have annexed the present arrangement of the Office in a separate column, which is often extremely irregular, in consequence of those burned fragments having been found at different times, and then arranged according to the skill or fancy of the Officer for the time being; by which means there are frequently, not only two, and even three or more, repetitions of the same number, but the Parishes contained in different Baronies are intermixed through each other with the most indiscriminate confusion. Vide burned Maps of the County of Tipperary, and others.

The rough Distribution Books preserved in the Surveyor General's Office, appear to have been formed from, and are perhaps coeval with, the Maps of the Down Survey. The twelve Volumes which remain, extend to twenty Counties, and contain the division of the Baronies into their respective Parishes, with a reference by number to the denominations in the Maps, the acreable contents thereof, and the distribution or partition of the forfeited Lands to various individuals by Grants from the Crown.

One of these Volumes, entitled "Waterford and Galway," contains the following Maps; viz.

No. 1. Part of the Half Barony and Parish of Loughrea.

No. 2. The Liberties and Town of Athenry, and other Lands in the Parish and Half Barony of Athenry.

No. 3. The West Liberties of Galway, and part of the East; a parcel of Roscan, in the Parish of Oranmore; and other Lands, in the Parish of Raghoone and Barony of Mocullen, all in the County of Galway.

N. B. To these Maps there is prefixed a Certificate by Sir William Petty.

The Reports addressed to the Court of Claims, which are deposited in the Press next the door, in the Surveyor General's Office, consist of a large number of bundles or parcels of papers, tied separately, and labelled A. B. C. &c. according to the initials of the Parties' Names to whom they refer. They contain, in general, Schedules of Lands in various Counties, with the contents in Acres Roods and Perches, besides a Column in which sundry Observations are made, apparently by an Officer of the Court of Claims in 1666, under the Commissioners for executing the Act of Settlement and Explanation. In one bundle is the Claim itself, signed by the Party, the Duke of Ormond, as Guardian to the Earl of Clancarty, a Minor, and sealed on every sheet; but the others are in general without signatures. In another bundle is contained the Statement of the Debts of his Royal Highness the then Duke of York, and the Lands of the Regicides. This Collection may perhaps contain many other curious and interesting Papers; but the Sub-Commissioners, conceiving the great object of their instructions to be the investigation of the Maps, have hastened to complete their Report thereon, without opening each of the bundles in the above-mentioned Collection of Reports, which, from the Labels and Indorsements thereon, appear to be of the same description, until they shall receive the further Instructions of the Board on that subject.

All which is respectfully submitted, the 25th day of January 1812. *Henry Harding.*
J. Fowler.

A CATALOGUE of the MAPS of the DOWN SURVEY.

COUNTY OF ANTRIM,

Contained in Two Volumes:—The First, which is in tolerably good order, contains the REFERENCES or ABSTRACTS belonging to the Maps:—The Second contains MAPS of BARONIES and PARISHES; *viz.*

No.	*Title.*	*Office Mark.*	*Observations.*
1.	The Barony of TOOME - - - - -	1.	
	Parishes:		
2.	The Parish of Dunean - - - - -	2.	
3.	Part of Drumall and Magheriochill - - -	3.	
4.	A Plot of Church Land in D° - - - -	4.	
5.	The Barony of ANTRIM - - - - -	5.	
	Parishes:		
6.	The Parish of Skirre Rocavan - - - -	6.	
7.	Ditto - - Kells - - - - - -	7.	
8.	Ditto - - Connor - - - - -	8.	
9.	The Barony of KILCONWAY - - - -	9.	
	Parishes:		
10.	The Parish of Dunaghy & Grange of Dundermount	10.	
11.	- - - - Oghill and part of Ballimonie -	11.	
12.	Part of the Parish of Killagha - - - -	12.	
13.	The Parish of Maghirisharkan - - - -	13.	
14.	Part of Magherioghill - - - - -	14.	
15.	The Parish of Finvoy - - - - - -	15.	

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No.	*Titles.*	*Office Mark.*	*Observations.*
	County of ANTRIM—*continued.*		
16.	The Barony of GLENARNE - - - - -	16.	
	Parishes:		
17.	The Parish of Learne - - - - - -	17.	
18.	- - - - Killoghter - - - - -	18.	
19.	- - - - Carnecastle - - - - -	19.	
20.	- - - - Glenarne - - - - -	20.	
21.	- - - - Ardclunis, being an Appendix to Glenarne.	21.	
22.	- - - - Layde - - - - - -	22.	
23.	The Barony of CARIE - - - - -	3.	
	Parishes:		
24.	The Parish of Calfaghtrim - - - - -	24.	
25.	- - - - Rathmoan - - - - -	25.	
26.	- - - - Billy - - - - - -	26.	A small detached piece of this Map lies in the Book.
27.	- - - - Rathlin Island - - - -	27.	
28.	- - - - Ardmoy - - - - -	28.	
29.	- - - - Derrichechen - - - -	29.	

N. B. The Maps in this Book are in general in good order, but the Binding very bad.

COUNTY of ANTRIM BURNED MAPS.—N.B. These Maps are all in detached Sheets, the edges burned; being the parts preserved of an original Book. The Certificate and Index are wanting.

1.	The Barony of BELFAST, including the Barony of CARRICKFERGUS.	6.	A part of the Eastern side, a small part of the South, with the Scale, burned off. A piece has been cut out, but it does not affect the Map.
2.	The County Palatine of CARRICKFERGUS - -	11.	Map perfect: Scale and edges burned off.
3.	The Barony of DUNLUCE - - - - -	12.	A small part of S. & SE., with Scale, and a part of the Abstract, burned off.
	Parishes:		
4.	The Parish of Loghgreely - - - - -	2.	The N. & E. remain perfect. The S. & W. the center of the Map, and Scale, burned off. Abstract dirty, and burned.
5.	- - - - Derickchane - - - - -	4.	The S. & E. the Scale, Title, and part of the Abstract, burned off.
6.	- - - - Ballyroshan - - - - -	5.	The S. & W. parts burned off.
7.	- - - - Billy - - - - - -	7.	The NW. and a small part of the S. the Scale, and part of the Abstract, burned off.
8.	The Parishes of Killagan and Kilraghtis - -	8.	The S. part of Killagan, the Scale, and part of the Abstract, burned off.
9.	The Parish of Portcomon, alias Dunluce - -	9.	A small part of NW. a good deal of S. with the Scale, wanting.
10.	- - - - Balliwillin - - - - -	10.	The S. part and Scale burned off. There is a N. addition to the Map, loose, but safe.
11.	The Barony of MASSAREENE - - - -	1.	The edges and Scale burned off; but the Map all perfect, except a very small part of the North.

COUNTY OF ARMAGH:—Part of one Book.

1.	The Barony of ORIER - - - - - -	16.	
	Parishes:		
2.	The Parish of Kilsleeve - - - - -	13.	
3.	The Forfeited Lands in the Parish of Loughilly -	14.	
4.	The Forfeited and Church Lands in Tawnaghlee -	15.	
5.	The Barony of FEWS - - - - - -	19.	Slightly torn at the margin.
	Parishes:		
6.	The Parish of Cregan - - - - - -	17.	
7.	Parts of the Parishes of Armagh and Mulloghbrack	18.	

The Burned MAPS, in loose detached Sheets; viz.

1.	The Parish of Armagh, in Armagh Barony - -	3.	A small part of the N. and a large portion of the S. side, burned off.
2.	The Barony of O'NEALAND - - - - -	- -	A small part of the NE. & NW. with the Abstract, Points, and Scale, burned off.
3.	The Barony of TOWRANY - - - -	3.	Of this Map there remains but part of the Parishes of Derinous and Fynan. No Abstract. Scale wanting, but appears to be 160 perches to an inch. No descriptive Sheet.
	Parishes:		
4.	The Parish of Fynan, in two parts - - -	- -	Most of the S. part, with the Scale, destroyed; but on comparing it with Vallancey's Map, appears to be 160 perches to an inch.
5.	The Parish of Armagh - - - - -	2.	A small part of the SE. with the Scale, burned off.—Note, The Map of the Parish of Derinous, though marked in the Office List, is wanting.

The above-mentioned burned Maps, with their respective Abstracts, appear to have been part of a Book; the Index to which, as well as the Certificate, are wanting. The Maps are very much burned at the edges.

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Catalogue of Maps, Down Survey.

Catalogue of the MAPS of The Down Survey—*continued.*

No.	Titles.	Office Mark.	Observations.
	COUNTY OF CARLOW:—Part of one Book.		
1.	The Barony of RAVILLY	30.	
	Parishes:		
2.	The Parish of Rahill	24.	
3.	D° Ravilly	25.	
4.	D° Kingath	26.	
5.	Two Parts of Rathmore	27.	
6.	The Parish of Tullogh	28.	
7.	Part of the Parishes of Adriston, Ahad, & Fenagh	29.	
8.	The Barony of FORTH, and part of the Barony of ST. MULLIN.	38.	
	Parishes:		
9.	The Parish of Myshall	31.	A part of the W. boundary cut off, in the binding.
10.	The Parishes of Templepeters and Ahad	32.	
11.	The Parish of Fenno	33.	
12.	The Parishes of Adriston and Ballymolden	34.	
13.	The Parish of Ballin	35.	
14.	The Barrow Parish	36.	The E. and W. sides, with the Abstract, torn.
15.	The Territory of Pobbledrom	37.	A S. addition, loose, and pinned in.
16.	The Barony of CATHERLOGH	46.	
	Parishes:		
17.	The Parishes of Clodagh and Painstown, with part of Killerig Parish.	39.	
18.	Another part of Killerig	40.	An E. addition, loose.
19.	The Parish of Catherlogh	41.	
20.	- - - - Ballinacarrigge	42.	
21.	- - - - Tulmaghgimagh	43.	
22.	The Parish of Killestowne, and Lordship of Grange Forth, with parts of Barnycary and Killerig.	44.	
23.	- - - - Urlagh	45.	
24.	The Barony of IDRONEY	56.	The Abstract slightly torn.
	Parishes:		
25.	The Manor of Cloghguenan and the Parishes of Kilcreene and Loughland.	47.	A small part of the Bounding lines cut away by the Bookbinder.
26.	The Parish of Kilmeene, and part of Wells Parish	48.	A small part of S. & W. Boundary cut off, as above.
27.	The Parish of Dunlearny, and part of Wells	49.	
28.	The Parishes of Clonogosh and Ballielin	50.	Slightly torn.
29.	The Parishes of Sleagoe, and part of Lorum	51.	
30.	The Parish of Acha	53.	
31.	- - - - Arnie, and part of Fenagh	54.	A SE. addition, loose.
32.	- - - - Kilishynal	55.	
33.	Part of the Parish of St. Mullins	56.	
34.	Part of the Barony of ST. MULLINS	60.	
	Parishes:		
35.	Part of the Parishes of Ballolin and Ullard	58.	
36.	The Parish of Mullin	59.	

N. B. The Binding of the above-mentioned Book is in bad order; the Index torn, and pasted down on a blank sheet; the Certificate lost.

	COUNTY OF CAVAN Burned Maps		
1.	The Barony of CASTLERAHAN.		
	Parishes:		
2.	The Parish of Killinkeerein	1.	The S. side burned off; Abstract wanting; the Map much soiled.
3.	- - - - Crosserlogh	2.	A small part of SE. burned off; Map soiled.
4.	The Barony of CLONEHY	0.	A small part of the N. side, with part of the Scale, burned off. N.B. The North point on this Map corresponds with the Abstract, but is the South on Vallancey's Copy of said Barony.
	Parishes:		
5.	The Parishes of Monebolge, Killane, Knockbride, and Dromgoone.	7.	The Map slightly torn at the West.
6.	The Barony of CLONMOGHAN;	29.	A small part of the North burned off. An addition to the South side, loose.
	Parishes:		
7.	The Parish of Ballitample	3.	
8.	- - - - Kilmore	5.	
9.	- - - - Ballymachugh	13.	
10.	Part of Denne	15.	Scale burned off.
11.	The Parish of Kildrumsartan alias Crosserlogh	19.	
12.	- - - - Drumloman	21.	A part of SW. burned off; a N. addition, loose.

Catalogue of the MAPS of The Down Survey—*continued.*

No.	*Titles.*	*Office Mark.*	*Observations.*
	COUNTY OF CAVAN—*continued.*		
13.	The Barony of LOGHTEE - - - - -	31.	Scale wanting.
	Parishes:		
14.	The Parish of Kilmore - - - - -	4.	
15.	- - - - - Crosserlogh and Denn - - -	8.	A small part of the N. of Denn, and SW. of Crosserlogh, burned off. N.B. The N. Boundary on this Map, differs materially from that of the Barony Map in the same Drawer, as well as from Vallancey's Copy.—Note. Also the Boundary of one of the Sub-denominations, on the NW. of the Parish Map, appears to have been erased and altered in the original formation of the Map.
16.	- - - - - Orny - - - - - - -	11.	A part of the Scale burned.
17.	- - - - - Annaghgelene - - - -	12.	
18.	- - - - - Annagh - - - - -	14.	
19.	- - - - - Lowry or Lawry - - - -	18.	
20.	The Parishes of Casterra and Larragh - -	20.	The NW. Boundary slightly burned; a S. addition, loose.
21.	The Parish of Killinkerin, alias Killinkeare - -	22.	
22.	The Parishes of Drumlane and Tomregan - -	25.	A NW. addition, containing Tomregan, loose, and partly burned.
23.	The Barony of TULLAGHAGH - - - -	0.	About half of this Map remains, the N. & NE. being consumed.
	Parishes:		
24.	The Parish of Kildallan - - - - -	9.	Map torn across, and very dirty, as well as the Abstract.
25.	- - - - - Killasandra and Kildallan - -	16.	A part of the Scale burned off.
26.	- - - - - Templeporte - - - -	26.	The Map soiled; a small part of the SW. with part of the Abstract, burned.
27.	- - - - - Killinagh - - - - -	28.	The SE. with the Abstract, burned off.
28.	The Barony of TULLAGHGARY - - -	30.	Alias Tullaghgarvy.
	Parishes:		
29.	The Parish of Larragh - - - - -	6.	A S. addition, loose.
30.	- - - - - Drong - - - - -	17.	Map soiled; part of the Scale burned off.
31.	- - - - - Killiserdimny - - - -	23.	A S. addition, loose.
32.	- - - - - Dromgoone - - - - -	24.	
33.	- - - - - Annagh - - - - -	27.	An E. addition to the Map only remains.
	The Barony of CLONCHY - - - - -	- -	The Map of which is lost.
	Parishes:		
34.	The Parish of Inniskeene - - - - -	10.	

Note.—In the Drawer, with the Cavan Maps, lies the Abstract or descriptive Sheet of the Parish of Kilbride, without the Map, which is noted on the Abstract, with a pencil, to have been destroyed.

The above Maps are in tolerable preservation, though the edges of all are burned; the original Index remains, partly *torn*, and much soiled; the Certificate is wanting.

COUNTY OF CORK, Two Books: Vol. I.

1.	The Barony of IMOKILLY - - - -	16.	
	Parishes:		
2.	The Parish of Killeagh, part of Dunganedunavane and Itermurrogh.	1.	This Map, with its Abstract, a good deal damaged at the edges.
3.	The Parish of Inchy - - - - - -	2.	
4.	- - - - - Corkebeg - - - - -	3.	A part on the E. side loose.
5.	- - - - - Aghaddy - - - - -	4.	
6.	- - - - - Garran - - - - -	5.	
7.	- - - - - Cloyne - - - - -	6.	
8.	- - - - - Ballintemple - - - -	7.	
9.	- - - - - Kilmaghene - - - -	8.	
10.	- - - - - Titeskin - - - - -	9.	
11.	The Parishes of Rostellane - - - -	10.	A S. addition, loose.
12.	- - - - - Garivoe and Boghland - -	11.	
13.	Part of Itermurrogh and Mogeally - - -	12.	
14.	The Parish of Kilmacdonogh and Clonpriest -	13.	
15.	- - - - - Ballyoughtragh - - - -	14.	
16.	- - - - - Mogeally, with part of the Parishes of Inchenebacky and Ballynecore.	15.	The edges a little torn.
17.	The Barony of BARRIMORE - - - -	31.	
	Parishes:		
18.	The Parish of Gortroe - - - - -	17.	
19.	The Parishes of Kilguane, Killvillan and Killervane	18.	
20.	The Parish of Templerobin - - - -	19.	
21.	- - - - - Killshanahane - - - -	20.	

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Catalogue of Maps, DownSurvey.

Catalogue of the MAPS of The Down Survey—*continued.*

No.	*Titles.*	*Office Mark.*	*Observations.*
	COUNTY OF CORK—*continued.*		
	The Barony of BARRIMORE—*continued.*		
22.	The Parishes of Carrigtuoghill, Moyessey and Ballycrany.	21.	
23.	The Parish of Ardnegihy - - - - - -	A 22.	
24.	The Parishes of Templenecarrig and Ballyspellane	B 22.	
25.	- - - - - Downebullogh and Templeusky -	23.	
26.	The Parishes of Templebodan and Lisgoolde -	24.	
27.	The Parish of Clonmell - - - - - -	25.	
28.	The Parishes of Caherlagh and Little Island - -	26.	
29.	The Parish of Rathcormuck - - - - -	27.	
30.	The Parishes of Castle Lyons and Brittway - -	28.	
31.	- - - - - Dungorney and Clonnalt - -	29.	
32.	- - - - - Ballynacorra, Garranekinefeaky, Ahadda, and Titeskin.	30.	Lying promiscuously in the Barony of Imokilly.
33.	The South Liberties of CORK - - - - -	38.	The blank part of this Map torn.
	Parishes:		
34.	The Parish of Finbarris - - - - - -	32.	
35.	- - - - Carrigoline and Killinally - -	33.	There seems to have been an addition to the W. side of this Map, which is now lost. The bounding line is pricked off in the margin.
36.	The Parishes of Inchkiny, Carrigaline, Ballinaboy, Kilgroghan, and part of Kilnaglory.	34.	
37.	The Parish of Rathcoany - - - - - -	35.	
38.	- - - - - Kilcully - - - - - -	36.	
39.	- - - - - Currykippane and Shandon - -	37.	
40.	The Liberties of KINSALE, and Barony of COURSEY.	43.	
	Parishes:		
41.	Part of the Parish of Ringrone - - - - -	39.	
42.	The Parishes of Ringrone, Kilbroan and Templetrine.	40.	In Coursey Barony.
43.	The Parish of Rincoran - - - - - -	41.	
44.	The Parishes of Clanteade, Tesaxon, Dundurrow, and part of Rincoran and Ballymartle.	42.	
45.	The Barony of BARRIROE and IBAWNE - -	A 46.	The edges damaged, Map loose, and Abstract torn.
	Parishes:		
46.	The Parish of Rathbarry - - - - - -	44.	
47.	- - - - - Killkeranemore and Ardfield - -	45.	
48.	The Half Barony of IBAWN - - - - -	B 46.	
	Parishes:		
49.	The Parish of Temple Omalice and Temple McQuanlane.	47.	
50.	The Parishes of Abbeymahoone and Lislee - -	48.	
51.	The Barony of MUSKERRY and BARRETTS - -	69.	The Map loose, and the edges damaged.
	Parishes:		
52.	The Parish of Ovens - - - - - - -	49.	
53.	The Parishes of Ballynaboy and Finbarris - -	50.	
54.	The Parishes of Knockavilly and Desertmore -	51.	
55.	The Parish of Kilbonan - - - - -	52.	This is entitled, "in the Barony of Barriroe," but it appears in the Barony Map of Muskery.
56.	The Parish of Moviddy - - - - - -	53.	
57.	- - - - Aglish - - - - - - -	54.	
58.	The Parishes of Maclonehey and Kanaboy - -	55.	
59.	The Parish of Kilmorris - - - - - -	56.	
60.	- - - - Kilmichael - - - - - -	57.	
61.	- - - - Inchigeelagh - - - - -	58.	Half of the Abstract loose, and part torn.
62.	- - - - Ballyworney - - - - - -	59.	
63.	- - - - Clondroghid - - - - - -	60.	
64.	The Parishes of Drishane and Killcorney - -	61.	
65.	The Parish of Killmartery - - - - - -	62.	
66.	- - - - Macrompe - - - - - -	63.	
67.	The Parishes of Aghabollog and Aghinagh - -	64.	
68.	- - - - Kilcoleman, Mattehy, and Inniscarragh.	65.	
69.	The Parish of Donoghmore - - - - -	66.	
70.	Part of the Parishes of Dunbollog, Whitechurch, and Grenagh.	67.	
71.	Part of the Parish of Templemighell - - -	68.	

Catalogue of the MAPS of The DOWN SURVEY—*continued.*

No.	*Titles.*	*Office Mark.*	*Observations.*
	COUNTY OF CORK—*continued.*		
	In the Barony of BARRETTS:		
72.	Part of the Parish of Currycroghanbeg and Inniscarragh.	70.	
73.	- - D° - - Aglish, Mattehy & Kilcolman	71.	
74.	- - D° - - Donoghmore - -	72.	
75.	- - D° - - Ovens, Desert, and Granagh -	73.	
76.	- - D° - - St. Finbarris, Kilnaglory and Currycroghanmore.	74.	
77.	The Barony of BEARE and BANTRY - -	0.	
	Parishes:		
78.	The Parish of Kilmacomoge - - - - -	75.	The N. of this Map torn.
79.	- D° - - Killcaskane - - - - -	76.	
80.	The Parishes of Killaghaninagh, Killcatierin and Killmallagh - - - -	77.	The middle slightly torn.
81.	The Parish of Durrous - - - - - -	78.	

Note. The Index to this Volume is much torn; the Certificate is lost.

COUNTY OF CORK; Vol. II.

Note. The first few Sheets, containing the Title page and Index, are a good deal injured for want of binding.

1.	The Baronies of KERRICURRIHY and KINALEA -	8.	
	Parishes:		
2.	The Parish of Killmurrhy, part of Lisnacleary and Carrigoline, the Impropriation of Monkstown, and a parcel of Land between Lisnacleary and Carrigoline.	1.	
3.	The Parish of Killinelly and part of Carrigoline -	2.	
4.	- D° - - Vyrnekelly, and part of Carrigoline and Lisnacleary.	3.	
5.	- D° - - Ballinaboy - - - - - -	4.	
6.	- D° - - Templebride, and part of Kilpatrick	5.	This Map appears to have been originally the first Map in the Book: it is loose, the edges torn, and part of the W. side wanting.
7.	Part of the Parishes of Kilpatrick and Carrigoline	6.	
8.	The Parish of Lisnecleary - - - - -	7.	
9.	In the Barony of KINALEA - - - -	8.	
	Parishes:		
10.	The Parish of Templemichael, part of Taxaxon, part of Inishonan and Dundurrow, and the parish of Leoffoly.	9.	
11.	The Parishes of Brinie and Knockavilla, and part of Inishonan.	10.	A Northern addition, loose; and the E. part torn.
12.	- - - - - Ballymartle, & part of Ballynevoy and Dundurrow, and Knocknemannagh.	11.	There seems to have been an E. addition, now wanting.
13.	The Parish of Cullen - - - - - -	12.	The E. part torn.
14.	- - - - - Bealefoile, and part of Noghaval	13.	
15.	- - - - - Kilmahonogue - - - -	14.	A part of the N. boundary appears to have been cut away by the Bookbinder.
16.	Part of the Parishes of Kilpatrick and Carrigoline	15.	
17.	The Parish of Kinnure, and part of Noghaval -	16.	
18.	- - - - Bealefeard - - - - -	17.	The Abstract of the Barony of Kinalea, belonging to Map No. 8. is watered in here.
19.	The Barony of CARBURY - - - -	52.	The SE. corner torn.
	Parishes:		
20.	The Parish of Ballinedeghy - - - -	18.	The edges torn.
21.	Part of Inishannon - - - - - -	19.	The SW. addition a little torn.
22.	The Parishes of Templetown and Rinerone - -	20.	
23.	The Parish of Kilbrittane - - - -	21.	
24.	Part of the Parish of Ballymodon - - -	22.	
25.	The Parish of Rathclarin - - - - -	23.	
26.	- - - - Kilmolody, and part of Timoleage	24.	
27.	- - - - Desert - - - - -	25.	
28.	- - - - Kenneth - - - - -	26.	
29.	- - - - Funlobbish, and part of Kilmihil -	27.	
30.	- - - - Drinagh - - - - -	28.	
31.	- - - - Ballymoney - - - -	29.	
32.	- - - - Killmine - - - - -	30.	
33.	- - - - Garriff, and part of Inishdonny -	31.	
34.	- - - - Castroventry - - - -	32.	

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Catalogue of Maps DownSurvey.

Catalogue of the MAPS of The Down Survey—*continued.*

No.	Titles.	Office Mark.	Observations.
	COUNTY OF CORK—*continued.*		
	The Barony of CARBURY—*continued.*		
35.	Part of the Parish of Temple M[c]Guinlane and Temple O'Malus	33.	
36.	- - - - - - - - Killnegrosse - - -	34.	The W. addition to this Map partly loose.
37.	The Parish of Kilmackabea - - - -	36.	
38.	- - - - Roscarbry - - - - -	35.	The S. part loose.
39.	- - - - Killfaghnabeg - - - -	37.	
40.	- - - - Miros - - - - -	38.	
41.	- - - - Castlehaven - - - - -	39.	
42.	- - - - Creagh - - - - -	40.	
43.	- - - - Tullogh, alias Baltimore - -	41.	
44.	- - - - and Island of Capeclear - -	42.	
45.	- - - - Affadowne - - - - -	43.	
46.	- - - - Abbeyshrowry - - - -	44.	
47.	- - - - Caheragh - - - - -	45.	The E. addition loose, and W. part torn; a part of the Abstract loose.
48.	- - - - Drummaleige - - - -	46.	The E. part a little torn.
49.	- - - - Durrous - - - - -	47.	
50.	- - - - Kilcroghan - - - - -	48.	
51.	- - - - Kilcoe - - - - -	49.	
52.	- - - - Skull - - - - -	50.	
53.	- - - - Kilmoe - - - - -	51.	

Note. The Index a good deal torn and damaged; four or five sheets at the beginning of this Volume, and as much at the end, are loose for want of binding.

COUNTY OF CORK Burned Maps.

1.	The Barony of ARMOY, alias FERMOY; - - *Parishes:*	- -	The E. & S. parts of this Map, with the Scale and Title, burned.
2.	The Parish of Monenemi - - - - -	1.	The central part only remains, the Scale burned.
3.	- - - - Killathy and Ballyhooly - -	11.	The N. of these Parishes only remain.
4.	- - - - Downerayle, and part of Ballyhay -	12.	The N. the NE. & S. of this Map, with the Scale, burned off. Note. A part, called in this Map, "unforfeited Land in Downerayle Parish," is in the Baronial Map, as well as in Vallancey's Copy, entitled "part of the Parish of Emrick."
5.	A part of Whitechurch Parish - - - -	13.	The N. and a small part of the E. burned off; no Abstract.
6	The Parish of Kilcrumper, part of Clondelon and Templetheogan.	16.	A small part of Kilcrumper, and nearly the entire of the other two Parishes, and Scale, destroyed.
7.	The Parishes of Cahirdugan, part of Clenor and Carrigtemleary.	17.	The entire of Carrigtemleary, a great part of Clenor, and SW. of Cahirdugan, with the Scale and Title, burned off.
8.	The Parish of Castletown - - - - -	22.	The NW. & S. the Scale, and Abstract, burned.
9.	The Parishes of Raghan, Whitechurch and Moyallow.	18.	The W. of Moyallow, the S. of Raghan, with Scale and Compass, burned off. The Map No. 13, appears to have been a part of this, probably an addition to it.
10.	- - - - - Wallstown and Carrigdownan -	23.	A small part of Wallstown, almost the entire of Carrigdownan, with the Scale, destroyed.
11.	The Parish of Clenor - - - - -	24.	A small part of the NE. and SE. with the Scale and Abstract, wanting. Note. The denomination of Dromdier in this Map, is marked in Vallancey's and the Barony Map, to belong to the Parish of Donirayle.
12.	The Parishes of Pharihy and Templervan - -	27.	All the S. and a part of the NW. burned off, leaving about half of Pharihy, and a small part of Templervan.
13.	The Parishes of Kilgollane, Ballyloghy and Glannor	29.	The entire of Ballyloghy, the N. of Kilgollane, the E. S. and W. of Glannor, with the Scale and Points, destroyed.
14.	The Barony of CONDONS and CLONGIBBON; - *Parishes:*	- -	The E. & S. of this Map, with the Scale and Title, burned.
15.	The Parishes of Castlelions, Knockmore and Muckollop.	19.	Knockmore and Muckollop totally destroyed. Scale and Title wanting.
16.	The Parish of Macrony - - - - -	20.	The N. S. and E. parts, the Abstract, Scale and Points, burned.
17.	The Parishes of Kilgollane and Glannor, part of Marshalstown and Brigoon, the Prebendary of Phelan and Nelan.	21.	The forfeited Lands of Marshalstown, with most part of Kilgollane, remain; the rest, with the Scale, totally destroyed.
18.	The Parishes of Kilworth, Kilcrumper, Templetheogan, and Glennor.	25.	The N. and S. sides, Scale and Abstract, much burned. By a reference to Vallancey's Map, it appears that Templetheogan is in Fermoy.
19.	The Parishes of Clondollan and Letrim - -	32.	The N. of Letrim, and S. of Clondollan, burned off.

Catalogue of the MAPS of The DOWN SURVEY—*continued.*

No.	*Titles.*	*Office Mark.*	*Observations.*
	COUNTY OF CORK—*continued.*		
20.	The Barony of DUHALLOW - - - - *Parishes:*	- -	Burned on all sides but the N.—Scale and Points wanting.
21.	The Parish of Kilmeene - - - - -	4.	The central part only remains. No Abstract.
22.	Part of Ballyclough Parish - - - -	5.	The centre, and part of the Abstract, remain.
23.	The Parish of Killishannock - - - -	6.	As above.
24.	- - - - Drumterrif - - - - -	7.	As above, but dirty.
25.	- - - - Knockatemple - - - -	8.	A small part of the NE. also the edges, and Scale, burned off.
26.	- - - - Tullelish and Clonfert - -	9.	The S. and NW. sides of Clonfert burned off. Note. The denomination of Knockanlgo is, in this Map, within the Parish of Tullelish; but appears in the Barony Map, and in Vallancey's Copy, within the Parish of Knockatemple.
27.	- - - - Clonemeene - - - - -	10.	The N. W. and S. sides burned; Scale damaged.
28.	- - - - Kilbrin - - - - - -	28.	The E. S. and W. sides of this Map, with the Scale, and Title, burned off.
29.	The Parishes of Noghavall, Cullin and Drishane -	30.	The E. of Cullen, a small part of Drishane, with Scale and Points, burned off. The Map dirty.
30.	The Barony of ORRERY and KILMORE - - *Parishes:*	- -	A part of N. and W. with Scale and Points, burned.
31.	Part of the Parish of Ballyclough, and the Parish of Castle Magner.	2.	The central part of this Map only remains. The Scale wanting.
32.	Part of Liscarrol and part of Templebrady - -	3.	As above; the Title also wanting.
33.	A part of Templebrady - - - - -	14.	A small part of the N. only remains, without Scale or Title.
34.	The Parishes of Cotoyne and Aglishbradew -	15.	The SW. of the Map, with the Scale, Title, and Points, burned off. Note. On a reference to the Baronial Map, it does not appear, that Cotoyne, or Cloyn, was included in this Sheet, notwithstanding the Title.
35.	The Parish of Kilbolane - - - - -	31.	The E. and N. of this Map, with the Scale, Title, and Abstract, wanting.
36.	The Parishes of Rathgogan and Ballyhay - -	33.	The most part of Ballyhay, the N. W. and S. of Rathgogan, the Scale, and Title, burned off. Both Map and Abstract very dirty.
37.	The Parish of Shandrum - - - - -	34.	The W. and S. with the Scale and Title, burned off.
		26.	Is not in this Drawer, but has been put with the Parish of Kilmacomogue, of which it appears to be a duplicate in the Book of unburned Maps of the County of Cork.

These Maps, with their respective Abstracts, are in general much burned round the edges; the sheet containing the Certificate nearly complete, the Title wanting.

COUNTY OF DONEGAL:—Part of one Book, the Title of which is loose and torn.

1.	The Barony of TYREHUGH - - - - *Parishes:*	5.	
2.	A part of the Parish of Carne, alias Farmon McGrah.	1.	The Abstract very ragged and torn.
3.	Part of the Parishes of Kilbarran and Enish McSaint.		
4.	Part of Drumhone - - - - - - -	3.	
5.	Another part of D° - - - - - - -	4.	
6.	The Barony of BOYLAGH and BANNAGH - - *Parishes:*	12.	A part of the E. addition loose.
7.	Part of the Parishes of Inver and Killomard -	6.	
8.	- - - - - - - - Killbeg - - -	7.	
9.	- - - - - - - - Killrean, Cappella, Letter McWard - - -	8.	
10.	- - - - - - - - Kilcarha & Glancollankill	9.	
11.	- - - - - - - - Templecron and Killaghty	10.	
12.	- - - - - - - - Inishkeel - - -	11.	

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Catalogue of the MAPS of The Down Survey—*continued.*

No.	*Titles.*	*Office Mark.*	*Observations.*
	COUNTY of DONEGAL—*continued.*		
13.	The Barony of Raphoe - - - - -	18.	
	Parishes:		
14.	The Parish of Raphoe - - - - -	13.	An addition to the Abstract, loose.
15.	- - - - Lifford - - - - - -	14.	
16.	- - - - Taybone - - - - -	15.	
17.	- - - - Ray and Lecke - - - -	16.	
18.	- - - - Donaghmore and Stranorlan - -	17.	An Addition to this Map, loose.
19.	The Barony of Kilmacrenan - - - -	30.	
	Parishes:		
20.	The Parish of Garton - - - - -	19.	
21.	- - - - Conwell - - - - -	20.	
22.	Part of the Parish of Athnengin - - - -	21.	
23.	The Parish of Tully - - - - - -	22.	
24.	- - - - Aghnish - - - - -	23.	
25.	- - - - Kilgarvan - - - - -	24.	
26.	- - - - Clondevadoge - - - -	25.	
27.	- - - - Mevagh - - - - -	26.	
28.	- - - - Ciandehura - - - - -	27.	
29.	- - - - Raye - - - - - -	28.	
30.	- - - - Tulloghobegly - - - -	29.	
31.	The Barony of Ennishowen - - - -	36.	
	Parishes:		
32.	The Church Land in the Parish of Movill - -	31.	
33.	The escheated Lands in the Parish of Deserteene and Templemore.	32.	
34.	The Church Land of Clanmany - - - -	33.	
35.	- - - - - of Clancae, Coolduffe & Donagh	34.	
36.	The Parish of Fanthen - - - - - -	35.	

Note. This Book wants binding very much; the Covers being off.

COUNTY of DOWN:—Part of one Book.

1.	The Barony of Kinealerty - - - -	4.	
	Parishes:		
2.	The forfeited Part of the Parishes of Loughmiland and Kilmoremorean.	1.	This Map much torn; and partly injured, for want of binding.
3.	The Parish of Magheredril - - - - -	2.	
4.	- - - - Magherehowlet - - - -	3.	
5.	The Barony of Lower Evagh - - - -	12.	
	Parishes:		
6.	The forfeited Part of the Parish of Segoe and Corumbie, with the Quarter of Anakett.	5.	
7.	The Parish of Dromore - - - - -	6.	
8.	The forfeited Part of Drumara - - - -	7.	
9.	The Parish of Magherelin - - - - -	8.	
10.	- - - - Donoghglonnie - - - -	9.	
11.	- - - - Tullelish and Aghaerig, and forfeited part of Seapatrick.	- -	This Map somewhat torn.
12.	The Glebe of Magherrally - - - -	11.	The margin injured.

COUNTY of DOWN Burned Maps.

1.	The Barony of Ards - - - - -	0.	Perfect, all but the E. side, which is unforfeited Land. The points of the Compass agree with Vallancey's Map, though they both differ from the Parish Maps Nos. 2. 3. & 4.
	Parishes:		
2.	The Parish of Ardquin - - - - -	1.	The S W. side burned off.—Note. The N. on this Map is the S. on the Barony Map.
3.	The Parishes of Ballyphilip, Slane, Utter, and the Grange of Ballygalgott.	B 5.	The Points as above; the Grange of Ballygalgott almost burned off.
4.	The Parish of Grayabbey - - - - -	15.	A part of E. burned off; the Points as in 2 and 3.
5.	The Barony of Lecale - - - - -	0.	A part of S. boundary burned. With a Scale.
	Parishes:		
6.	The Parish of Kilmegan - - - - -	A 7.	The S. & E. burned off, being unforfeited Lands.
7.	- - - - Down - - - - - -	B 7.	Only two small denominations on the NW. remain.

Catalogue of the MAPS of The Down Survey—*continued.*

No.	Titles.	Office Mark.	Observations.
	COUNTY OF DOWN—*continued.*		
	The Barony of LECALE—*continued.*		
	Parishes:		
8.	The Parishes of Kilclief and Ballyculter - -	B. 8.	The S. and W. parts of this Map destroyed.
9.	- - - - - Ballee and Bright - - -	9.	Note as above.
10.	The Parish of Terella - - - - - -	10.	The S. part, with the Scale, burned off.
11.	- - - - Dunsford - - - - -	11.	A small part of the W. and S. Boundary burned.
12.	The Barony of UPPER EVAGH - - - -	0.	The N. S. and E. part, with the Scale and Points, burned.
	Parishes:		
13.	The Parish of Kilmegan - - - - -	2.	The S. and W. sides burned off.
14.	- - - - Kilbrony - - - - -	A 5.	But a small fragment of the E. side of the Map remains; no Abstract.
15.	- - - - Drumgagh - - - - -	A 8.	The S. and W. parts entirely destroyed, except a small part, containing Drumgagh Glebe, which appears to have been an addition.
16.	- - - - Garvaghy - - - - -	12.	A small part burned off, at each of the four Points.
17.	- - - - Dromgolane - - - - -	14.	A good deal of the S. and part of the W. Boundary burned; the Map dirty.
18.	- - - - Aghaderrigh - - - - -	16.	The NE. and NW. with the Scale, burned off.
19.	- - - - Anaghcloane - - - - -	17.	Part of the E. and N. with the Scale, burned off. Map and Abstract very dirty.
20.	- - - - Maghera - - - - -	18.	The E. and S. with the Scale, burned off.
21.	- - - - Cloneallen - - - - -	19.	The E. S. the Scale and Abstract, burned off; a N. addition loose; Map much dirtied.
22.	- - - - Cloneduff - - - - -	20.	The SE. and SW. Boundaries only remain; but a detached part of the W. has been found, and pinned in.

COUNTY OF DUBLIN.

1.	The Half Barony of RATHDOWN - - -	5.	An Index to the Barony, torn.
	Parishes:		
2.	The Parishes of Donnabrook and Tannee - -	1.	Somewhat torn at the edges.
3.	- - - - - Kill & Monkstowne - - -	2.	
4.	- - - - - Killeny, Tully, & part of Whitechurch.	3.	A little torn at the SW. corner.
5.	- - - - - Kilternan, Conough, and Rathmichell.	4.	
6.	The Barony of NEWCASTLE and UPPERCROSS -	18.	
	Parishes:		
7.	Part of the Parish of Talaugh - - - -	6.	
8.	The Parish of Lucan, and part of Adery - -	7.	The Abstract torn.
9.	- - - - Sagard - - - - -	8.	
10.	Part of Rafarnam Parish - - - - -	9.	
11.	- - Creevagh and Whitechurch - - -	10.	
12.	The Parish of Racoole - - - - -	11.	
13.	- - - - Killmatalway - - - -	12.	The W. part loose.
14.	- - - - Callestowne - - - - -	13.	
15.	- - - - Newcastle - - - - -	14.	
16.	- - - - Palmerstown - - - -	15.	
17.	- - - - Kilmainham - - - - -	16.	
18.	Part of Clondalkin and Ballyfermot Parishes -	17.	
19.	The Barony of COOLOCK - - - - -	22.	The Abstract slightly torn.
	Parishes:		
20.	The Parishes of Santry, St. Margaret's, Killeegh and Killostry.	19.	The Abstract torn.
21.	- - - - Malahide, Coolock, Raheny, Cloghran part of Swords and Finglass.	20.	The Abstract slightly torn.
22.	- - - - Portmarnock and Howth.		
23.	The Barony of CASTLEKNOCK - - - -	26.	
	Parishes:		
24.	The Parishes of Malahedert and Ward.		
25.	The Parish of Kilsoghan - - - - -	24.	
26.	- - - - Castleknock - - - - -	25.	

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No.	Titles.	Office Mark.	Observations.
	COUNTY OF DUBLIN—*continued.*		
27.	The Barony of NETHERCROSS - - - -	30.	The Abstract torn.
	Parishes:		
28.	The Parish of Swords - - - - -	27.	A good deal torn; the Abstract torn across.
29.	The Parish of Portrane, and the bigger part of Lusk	28.	The Abstract as above.
30.	The Parish of Clonmedon, and part of Finglass and Lusk.	29.	The bottom of this Map torn.
31.	The Barony of BALRUDDERY - - - -	39.	Abstract torn.
	Parishes:		
32.	The Parish of Balruddery - - - - -	31.	
33.	- - - - Garlestown - - - - -	32.	
34.	- - - - Balmadon - - - - -	33.	
35.	- - - - Naule - - - - -	34.	
36.	The Parishes of Holywood and Wespelstowne -	35.	
37.	- - - - - Ballibroghell and Donabate -	36.	
38.	- - - - - Palmerstown and Balscaddan -	37.	
39.	- - - - - Old Patrick, Baldongan, and part of Lusk.	38.	This Map and its Abstract torn.
40.	The Barony of UPPERCROSS - - - -	42.	
	Parishes:		
41.	The Parish of Ballymore Eustace - - -	40.	Part of the Abstract loose.
42.	The part of Ballybought and Tipperkevan - -	41.	

COUNTY OF FERMANAGH Burned Maps.

	The Barony of CLANAWLY: (The Map of which is lost.) - - - -	- -	The Abstract of this Map lies in the Drawer.
	Parishes:		
1.	The Parish of Killnally - - - - -	3.	A small part of the SW. Boundary deficient.
2.	- - - - Clinish - - - - - -	8.	A small part of the W. and a good deal of the E. burned.
3.	- - - - Boha - - - - - -	9.	A small part of W. burned; Map soiled; an addition loose.
4.	- - - - Killagher - - - - -	10.	Perfect.
5.	The Barony of MAGHERABOY - - - -	0.	D°.
	Parishes:		
6.	The Parishes of Beagh and Inish M°Saint - -	5.	D°.
7.	- - - - - Devenish and Rossury - -	7.	The Line separating the two Parishes differs in this Map from both the Barony and from Vallancey's Copy.
8.	The Barony of MAGHERESTEPHANA - -	0.	A small part of the SE. and a little of the W. with the Scale, burned.
	Parishes:		
9.	The E. part of Aghalurcher Parish - - -	1.	A small part of NE. and SW. damaged.
10.	The W. part of Aghalurcher Parish - - -	2.	A part of the NE. and S., with part of the Scale, burned off.
11.	The Parish of Aghaveigh - - - - -	4.	A part of N. and the entire W. Boundary burned; a NE. addition loose.

N.B. The Maps of this County are in general in good order, being but slightly burned at the edges.

COUNTY OF KILDARE Burned Maps.

	The Barony of NAAS: (The Map of which is lost.)		
	Parishes:		
1.	The Parish of Naas - - - - - -	1.	A small part of the E. only remains; Scale, Title, and Abstract, wanting.
2.	- - - - Whitechurch - - - -	5.	Only one denomination left; Title and Points destroyed; no Abstract. Note.—This Map appears to have contained another Parish, the name of which is unintelligible; but, on reference to the Book of Survey in Auditor's Office, appears to be Brennockstown.
3.	The Parishes of Sherlockstown and Bowdingstown	7.	The SW. of Sherlockstown and NW. of Bowdingstown, with Scale, Title, Points, and Abstract, burned.
4.	The Parish of Killisha - - - - -	8.	The N. part only remains; without Title, Points, or Scale.
5.	- - - - Rathmore - - - - -	25.	A small part of the S. only remains; without Scale, Title, Points, or Abstract.
6.	- - - - Carnalway - - - - -	29.	The N. and S. with Scale, Title and Points, burned off.

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No.	Titles.	Office Mark.	Observations.
	COUNTY of KILDARE—*continued.*		
7.	The Barony of Carbery - - - - -	37.	A small part of the S. only remains; without Scale, Title, Points or Abstract.
	Parishes:		
8.	The Parish of Dunfert - - - - -	2.	The N. only remains; Scale, Title and Points, burned.
9.	- - - - Ballinadrummie - - - -	13.	The N. only remains; the Scale, Title and Abstract, burned. Map very dirty.
10.	- - - - Cadamstown - - - -	23.	A small part of the N. only remains; the Scale, Points, and part of the Title, burned.
11.	- - - - Moylerstown - - - -	30.	A small part of the centre only remains; Scale, Title, and Abstract, burned.
12.	- - - - Archill - - - - -	34.	The E. only remains; Scale, Title and Points, burned.
13.	- - - - Nurney - - - - -	38.	Part of the W. only remains; without Scale, Title, Points or Abstract.
14.	- - - - Carrick - - - - -	41.	As above.
15.	The Barony of Claine - - - - -	32.	A small part of the N. only remains; without Scale, Title, Points or Abstract.
	Parishes:		
16.	The Parish of Downing - - - - -	4.	A small part of the centre remains; Scale and Title wanting.
17.	- - - Clane and Killibegs - - -	14.	The N. W. & S. of Clane, with nearly the entire of Killibegs, Scale, Title, Points and Abstract, wanting.
18.	- - - - Timiocho - - - - -	15.	The N. only remains; the Scale, Points, and part of the Title, burned off.
19.	- - - - Ballenafoe - - - - -	18.	A small part of the S. remains; the Scale, Title and Points, burned.
20.	- - - - Brideschurch - - - -	31.	The S. and N., Scale, Title, Points and Abstract, burned.
21.	The Barony of Great Connell - - -	45.	A very small part of the NE. remains; Scale, Points and Abstract, burned.
	Parishes:		
22.	The Parishes of Old Connell and Morristownbiller -	9.	Part of the SW. containing Morristownbiller, with a small part of Old Connel, only remains; Scale, Title and Points, burned.
23.	- - - - - Kilmeag and Rathe ning - -	11.	The E. of Kilmeag only remains; the Parish of Ratherning, with the Scale and Title, burned.
24.	The Parish of Ladytown - - - - -	17.	The S. & N. with the Scale, Title, Points and Abstract, burned.
25.	- - - - Fecullen - - - - -	27.	A small part of the N. boundary only remains; Scale, Points and Abstract, burned.
26.	- - - - Great Connel - - - -	28.	A small part of the S. only remains; Scale, Title and Points, burned.
27.	The Barony of Ikeathy and Oughterany -	44.	A small part of the W. remains; Scale, Title, Points and Abstract, burned.
	Parishes:		
28.	The Parish of Maynebam - - - - -	6.	A part of the S. only remains; Scale, Title, Points and Abstract, burned.
29.	- - - - Kilcock - - - - -	10.	The N. & W. with Scale, Title, Points and Abstract, burned.
30.	- - - - Dunmurchil, Donada, and Skulogstown.	33.	Dunmurchil and part of Donada remain, Skulogstown almost totally destroyed; Scale, Title and Points, burned.
31.	- - - - Cloncurry - - - - -	35.	Part of the E. only remains; Scale, Title, Points and Abstract, burned.
32.	- - - - Clonshanboe - - - -	40.	A small part of the W. only remains; Scale, Points, and most of the Title, burned.
33.	- - - - Balraine - - - - -	42.	A small part of the W. only remains, without Scale, Title, Points or Abstract. Map very dirty.
34.	The Half Barony of Kilcullen - - -	3.	Of this Map there remains the Parish of Tully nearly complete, and a small part of Kilcullen; Scale, Title and Points, burned.
35.	The Barony of Ophaly - - - - -	43.	A small part of the W. remains; Scale, Title, Points and Abstract, burned.
	Parishes:		
36.	The Parishes of Kilrush, Ballisanan, Carne and Ballisax.	16.	The NW. of Kilrush, and the W. of Ballisanan, only remain; Carne and Ballisax, with Scale and Abstract, burned.
37.	The Parish of Tully - - - - - -	19.	Note. This Map appears to have contained, along with Tully, the Parishes of Dunmurry and Pollardstown, and most probably the Parish called in the rough Distribution Book, the Abbey Land of Kildare and Silliatt; of all which there remain but two denominations of Tully, nearly perfect, and a small part of the Curragh of Kildare. The Scale, Title, Points and Abstract, burned.
38.	The Parishes of Killdingan, Duneny & the Nurney	39.	The N. of Killdingan only remains; the other Parishes, with the Scale and Points, burned

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No.	Titles.	Office Mark.	Observations.
	COUNTY OF KILDARE—*continued.*		
39.	The Barony of SALT - - - - - -	46.	A small part of the E. only remains; Scale and Abstract burned.
	Parishes:		
40.	The Parish of Kildrought - - - - -	12.	A small part of the W. only remains; Title, Points and Abstract, burned.
41.	The largest part of the Parish of Donoghcomper -	24.	A small part of the centre only remains; Scale, Title, and Points, burned.
42.	The Parishes of Oughterard and Kill - - -	20.	A small part of the N. of Kill, and S. of Oughterard, only remain; Scale, Title, Points and Abstract, burned.
43.	The Parish of Teightooe - - - - -	21.	A small part of the W. only remains; Scale, Title, Points and Abstract, burned.
44.	The Parish of Killadowan, with part of Donoghcomper and Kildrought.	22.	The S. of Killadowan, and a small part of the junction of Donoghcomper and Kildrought only remain; Scale and Title burned.
45.	The Parish of Kilkeele, and part of the Parishes of Castledillon and Donoghcromper.	26.	A very small part of the N. of a detached part of Donoghcromper, with the E. of Kilkeele Boundary, only remain; the Scale and Abstract burned.
46.	The Parish of Leixlip - - - - -	36.	A part of the E. only remains; the Scale, Title, and Points, burned.
	Note. The Maps of this Book are very much burned in general; a small part, about 10 inches diameter, at the centre of the original Sheet, only remains; the Title, Index, and Certificate, wanting.		
	KING'S COUNTY:—One Book.		
1.	The Barony of COOLESTOWN - - - -	4.	
	Parishes:		
2.	The Parish of Monesteroris and Ballinekill - -	1.	
3.	Part of the Parish of Rathangan, called Moyligh, in the Barony of Coolestown.	2.	
4.	The Parish of Clonsast - - - - -	3.	
5.	The Barony of WARRENSTOWN - - -	5.	
6.	The Barony of PHILIPSTOWN - - - -	12.	This appears to be the Barony of Philipstown, although entitled, "the greatest part contiguous of the Barony of Philipstown."
	Parishes:		
7.	The Parishes of Harristowne and Belaghbreckan -	6.	The Eastern addition of this Map a good deal torn.
8.	The Parish of Killadurhy - - - - -	7.	
9.	- - - - Kilclonfert and Crochan - -	8.	
10.	- - - - Ballykeene - - - - -	9.	Map partly torn; the E. addition a good deal damaged; the S. addition partly loose.
11.	The two parts of the Parish of Cloonehorke -	10.	
12.	The Parish of Ballicoman - - - - -	11.	
13.	The Barony of BALLYCOWEN - - - -	15.	
	Parishes:		
14.	The united Parishes of Durrow and Kilbride -	13.	
15.	The united Parishes of Linury and Rahan - -	14.	
16.	The Barony of KILCOURSOY - - - -	20.	
	Parishes:		
17.	The Parish of Kilbride - - - - -	16.	
18.	Part of the Parish of Ardnurcher - - -	17.	
19.	- - D^{o} - - of Kilcrumririagh - - -	18.	
20.	The Parish of Kilmanaghan - - - -	19.	
21.	The Barony of BALLIBOY - - - - -	23.	
	Parishes:		
22.	The Parish of Killaghy - - - - -	21.	S. part a little torn.
23.	- - - - Balliboy - - - - -	22.	
24.	The Barony of CLONLISK - - - - -	33.	The Abstract slightly torn.
	Parishes:		
25.	The Parish of Etagh - - - - - -	24.	
26.	The Parishes of Sinrone and Kilmory - - -	25.	The N. addition of this Map torn.
27.	The Parish of Cullenane - - - - -	26.	
28.	- - - - Dunkerrin - - - - -	27.	
29.	- - - - Killcomin - - - - -	28.	
30.	Part of the Parish of Castletown, and the Parish of Aghenemedall.	29.	
31.	The Parish of Finglis, and the other part of Castletown.	30.	
32.	Part of the Parishes of Roscrea, Dunkerrin, and Corbally.	31.	
33.	The Parish of Killcolman - - - - -	32.	
	Note. The Certificate and Index of this Book a good deal torn and damaged; the Binding indifferent.		

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No.	Titles.	Office Mark.	Observations.
	KING'S COUNTY Burned Maps.		
1.	The Barony of Ballibrit - - - - *Parishes:*	- -	S. burned off; Scale damaged.
2.	The Parish of Birr - - - -	1.	Map perfect, but soiled; Scale damaged.
3.	- - - - Kinnity - - - -	2.	A N. addition loose, and pinned in; a very small part of the S. with the Scale, damaged.
4.	The Parishes of Skirkiran and Roscomroe - -	3.	The N. addition partly burned; has been pasted to the Map, and an E. addition lies loose with it. Note. This Map, and the foregoing one, agree as to the unforfeited Lands of Roscomroe Parish, but differ from the Barony Map and Vallancey's Copy, in which they are partly allotted to the Parish of Kinnity.
5.	The Parish of Aghacon - - - -	4.	Map perfect, Scale damaged.
6.	Parts of the Parishes of Kilcolman and Etagh -	5.	Scale partly damaged.
7.	The Parishes of Roscrea and Corbally - -	6.	The W. boundary of Corbally burned off; Scale damaged.
8.	The Barony of Eglish, alias Fercale Territory - *Parishes:*	- -	E. end burned, Scale damaged.
9.	The Parish of Eglish - - - - -	7.	A W. addition loose, pinned in, and burned slightly. Scale wanting,
10.	- - - - Drumcullen - - - -	8.	A small part of the N. Boundary burned off.
11.	The Barony of Garricastle - - - - containing,	- -	Map perfect.
12.	The Parish of Lismanaghan - - - -	9.	D° - - but dirty and torn. Scale damaged.
13.	- - - - Clonemacnosse - - - -	10.	D° - - - - - - - - - D°.
14.	- - - - Killegally - - - -	11.	SE. burned off; no Scale; Map dirty.
15.	- - - - Reinagh - - - - -	12.	Map perfect, but dirty; Scale damaged.
16.	- - - - Lushma - - - - -	13.	Map perfect. Note. This Map appears to contain part of Melicke Parish.
17.	Is the addition of No. 3. - - - - -	14.	
18.	The Barony of Geshill, including the Parish of Geshill.	- -	Map perfect, Scale damaged.

Note. The Maps of the King's County are in general in good order, but burned round the edges. The Title and Index of the Book are wanting; the Certificate remains.

	COUNTY of KILKENNY:—Part of one Book.		
1.	The Barony of Fassaghdining - - - *Parishes:*	23.	The N. addition partly torn off.
2.	The Parish of Donaghmore and part of Killmenan	15.	
3.	- - - - Conohy - - - - -	16.	
4.	- - - - Coolecrahin - - - -	17.	Map torn across.
5.	- - - - Mayne - - - - -	18.	
6.	- - - - Killmidimoge & part of Donomore	19.	
7.	- - - - Mothill - - - - -	20.	
8.	- - - - Killmodum & part of Castlecomber	21.	
9.	- - - - Mucully and part of Desert - -	22.	
10.	The Barony of Galmoy - - - - - *Parishes:*	31.	
11.	The Parish of Dorrow - - - - -	24.	
12.	The Parish of Agharny - - - - -	25.	
13.	- - - - Bayllin - - - - -	26.	
14.	- - - - Coolcashin - - - - -	27.	
15.	- - - - Fartagh - - - - -	28.	
16.	- - - - Eirke - - - - -	29.	
17.	- - - - Urlingford - - - - -	30.	
18.	The Barony of Cranagh - - - - - *Parishes:*	42.	Part of the Abstract torn off.
19.	The Parish of Ballycallan, and part of Tullaghan and part of Killaloe, lying together.	32.	
20.	The Parish of Kilmanagh - - - - -	33.	
21.	- - - - Tulleroan and part of Killaghy -	34.	The S. addition loose, and pinned in; Map torn across the Scale.
22.	- - - - Ballilurkan & a small part of Tubbrid	35.	
23.	The Parishes of Clonetubrid and Glashicrow -	36.	
24.	The Parish of Freshford and part of Coolerahin -	37.	The E. addition loose, and pinned in.
25.	- - - - Belanemara - - - - -	38.	
26.	- - - - Bannogh alias Bannonough - -	39.	The W. and E. addition torn slightly.
27.	- - - - Tubride, and part of Kilcooly and Boelicke.	40.	
28.	- - - - Cloghmantagh, part of Fartagh and part of Jerypoint Abbey.	41.	

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No.	Titles.	Office Mark.	Observations.
	COUNTY of KILKENNY—*continued.*		
29.	The Liberties of the City of Kilkenny - -	46.	Abstract and Map torn.
30.	The Parish of Canice - - - - -	43.	
31.	- - - - St. Patrick, and part of Canice -	44.	
32.	- - - - St. John's - - - - -	45.	Abstract torn across.
33.	The Barony of Gowran - - - - -	69.	
	Parishes:		
34.	The Parish of Graige - - - - -	47.	SE. corner a little torn; and the Boundary seems to have been cut off in the binding.
35.	- - - - Ullard - - - - - -	48.	
36.	- - - - Powerstown - - - - -	49.	
37.	- - - - Jerpoint - - - - -	50.	
38.	- - - - Inisteage - - - - -	51.	
39.	The Liberties of Thomastown - - - -	52.	Note. This is called the Parish of Thomastown, in the Barony Map and the Points of the Compass are inverted in this Map.
40.	The Parish of Collumkill - - - - -	53.	
41.	- - - - Kilfane - - - - -	54.	
42.	- - - - Dungarvan - - - - -	55.	
43.	- - - - Tullehelim - - - - -	56.	
44.	- - - - Killerney - - - - -	57.	
45.	- - - - Dunbell - - - - -	58.	
46.	- - - - Blanchfield and Smithstown - -	59.	
47.	- - - - Blackrath, and part of St. Martin's -	60.	
48.	- - - - Teighscoffin - - - - -	61.	
49.	- - - - Churchclaragh - - - -	62.	
50.	- - - - Kilderry - - - - -	63.	S. addition loose, and pinned in.
51.	- - - - Rathcoole - - - - -	64.	
52.	- - - - Kilmodum - - - - -	65.	NE. addition a little torn and damaged.
53.	- - - - Upper Grange - - - -	66.	
54.	- - - - Shankill - - - - -	67.	
55.	- - - - Killmacahill - - - - -	68.	D° D°, and the N. addition slightly torn; and part of the S. Boundary damaged.
56.	The Liberties of Callan - - - - -	70.	Edges a little torn and damaged.

Note.—The Certificate and Index to this Book torn and damaged, and the Binding in bad order.

COUNTY of KILKENNY Burned Maps.

1.	The Barony of Ida, Igrin, and Ibercon - -	40.	The W. side of Dunkitt Parish burned off; Scale slightly damaged; and one-half of the Map very much stained and soiled.
	Parishes:		
2.	The Parishes of Gauleskill and Dunkitt - -	1.	Scale wanting.
3.	- - - - - Balligurin and Shanbogh - -	2.	The NW. and SE. Boundaries wanting.
4.	- - - Killcolomb - - - - -	3.	Map soiled; an E. addition damaged; Scale wanting.
5.	- - - Rowre - - - - - -	4.	Map torn across.
6.	Parishes of Desertmoane and Listerlin - -	5.	Scale partly destroyed.
7.	- - - Kilmackenoge - - - - -	6.	E. Boundary damaged and torn; Scale wanting.
8.	- - - Kilbride - - - - - -	7.	An E. addition loose, and pinned in; W. addition damaged, and repaired; Scale partly destroyed.
9.	- - - Cloane - - - - - -	8.	There appears to have been a S. addition to this Map, now wanting. A very small portion of the W. N. and E. Boundary burned off. No Scale.
10.	- - - Rathpatrick - - - - -	9.	There appears to have been a S. addition to this Map, now wanting. No Scale.
11.	- - - Rosbercon - - - - -	10.	A very small part of the W. Boundary burned off. Scale wanting.
12.	- - - Killeleheene - - - - -	11.	Scale partly burned.
13.	The Barony of Iverk - - - - -	39.	A small part of the W. of Templegall Parish burned off; Scale slightly damaged.
	Parishes:		
14.	The Parishes of Clonemore and Fiddown - -	12.	The N. Boundary damaged, and a small part thereof wanting; which was apparently contained on an addition to the Map.
15.	- - - - - Kilmacroe, Ullud, and Rathkerane	13.	A small part of the S. of Kilmacroe, and two small portions of the W. of Rathkerane, with the Scale, burned off.
16.	The Parish of Templegawle - - - -	14.	Map clean and perfect.
17.	The Parishes of Aglish, Ballitursny, & Portnescully	15.	A small part of the N. of Portnescully burned off.
18.	- - - - - Owney and Teighbraghny - -	16.	A small part of the N. of Owney burned.
19.	The Parish of Tubburd, and part Muckully - -	17.	Map clean and perfect.

Catalogue of the MAPS of The DOWN SURVEY—*continued.*

No.	*Titles.*	*Office Mark.*	*Observations.*
	COUNTY KILKENNY—*continued.*		
20.	The Barony of KELLS	38.	A small part of the W. of Killorory Parish burned off; Scale wanting.
	Parishes:		
21.	The Parish of Kells	18.	The N. addition loose; Scale damaged slightly.
22.	The Parishes of Killree and Dunamagon	19.	Scale partly damaged.
23.	The Parish of Killorory	20.	Scale damaged; Map perfect.
24.	The Parishes of Clonlaghamore and Whitechurch	21.	Scale and Abstract damaged; Map perfect.
25.	- - - - Earlstown and Ballaghtobin	22.	- - D° - - D°.
26.	The Parish of Kilmagany	23.	A small part of the N. and W. Boundaries, with a larger portion of the S. burned off.—Note. The N. point on this Map is the S. on the Barony Map.
27.	The Barony of KNOCKTOPHER	37.	Edges slightly damaged; Scale mostly destroyed.
	Parishes:		
28.	The Parishes of Derrinehensy and Killkeneady	24.	Map perfect; Scale nearly destroyed.
29.	- - - - Kilbeacon and Listerling	25.	A part of the N. Boundary of Killbeacon burned. Map soiled.
		26.	No. 26. in Office appears to be an addition to the following Map.
30.	Part of the Parishes of Knocktopher and Jerpoint	27.	The S. and W. Boundary of Jerpoint burned off; Scale unintelligible.
31.	The Parishes of Kilkerhill and Aghaverviller	28.	Map clean and in good order.
32.	Parts of the Parishes of Fiddown and Muckully	29.	The W. part of Fiddown, and the E. of Muckully, with the Scale, burned off. Map soiled.
33.	The Parishes of Killahy and Kilkeasy	30.	A small part of the N. of Kilkeasy, and S. of Killahy, with the Scale, burned.
34.	The Barony of SHEELOGHER	36.	A very small part of Stamcartie Parish burned.
	Parishes:		
35.	The Parishes of Callen, Mayestowne, Earlstown, and Burnchurch.	31.	This Map perfect.
36.	- - - - Dunfert, Enishnagh, and Stamcartie.	32.	Map clean and perfect; Scale partly damaged.
37.	- - - Inshewlachan, Grange, and Tullaghane.	33.	Map clean and perfect; Scale almost totally destroyed.
38.	The Parish of Killalow	34.	Map D°. Scale destroyed.
39.	The Parishes of Kilree, Kilfera, and Oughtragh	35.	The SW. part of Outragh damaged; S. part of Kilree burned; Scale wanting.

These Maps in general are in good order, slightly burned at edges, and each accompanied by its Abstract. The Certificate is perfect.

COUNTY OF LEITRIM: One Book.

1.	The Barony of CARRIGALLIN	5.	
	Parishes:		
2.	The Parish of Carrigallin	1.	
3.	- - - - Dromrealy	2.	
4	- - - - Oughteragh	3.	
5.	- - - - Cloone	4.	
6.	The Barony of MOYHILL	10.	
	Parishes:		
7.	The Parish of Moyhill	6.	
8.	- - - - Cloone	7.	
9.	- - - - Anaghduffe	8.	
10.	- - - - Finagh	9.	
11.	The Barony of LEITRIM	16.	
	Parishes:		
12.	The Parish of Kiltahorke	11.	
13.	- - - - Finagh	12.	
14.	- - - - Kiltibret	13.	
15.	- - - - Anaghduffe	14.	
16.	- - - - Moyhill	15.	
17.	The Barony of DROMAHERE	22.	The N. addition loose, and pinned in.
	Parishes:		
18.	The Parish of Dromleas	17.	
19.	- - - - Killinumerie	18.	
20.	- - - - Killarga	19.	
21.	- - - - Inishmacra	20.	
22.	The Parishes of Clonlogher and Cloonclare	21.	
23.	The Barony of ROSCLOGHER	25.	
	Parishes:		
24.	The Parish of Kilasnett	23.	
25.	- - - - Rosehver	24.	

This Book in good order; Binding a little damaged.

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Catalogue of the MAPS of The Down Survey—*continued.*

No	Titles.	Office Mark.	Observations.
	COUNTY of LIMERICK: One Book.		
1.	The Liberties of Limerick - - - -	13.	
	Parishes:		
2.	The Parish of Stradbally - - - - -	1.	This Map very much torn and damaged, and its Abstract loose and torn.
3.	- - - - Killicknegarruffe - - - -	2.	This Map, with its Abstract, torn across.
4.	- - - - Kilmurry - - - - -	3.	
5.	- - - - Derrigalvan - - - - -	4.	
6.	- - - - Carrig-I-Parson - - - -	5.	
7.	- - - - Carnarry - - - - -	6.	
8.	- - - - Cahiravally - - - - -	7.	
9.	- - - - Donaghmore - - - -	8.	
10.	- - - - St. Michael's and St. Nicholas -	9.	
11.	- - - - Knocknegaule - - - -	10.	The Western addition loose, and pinned in.
12.	- - - - Mongret - - - - -	11.	
13.	- - - - St. Patrick, with part of St. John's and St. Lawrence.	12.	
14.	The Barony of Clanwilliam - - - -	27.	
	Parishes:		
15.	The Parish of Stradbally - - - - -	14.	
16.	- - - - Killicknegarruffe - - - -	15.	
17.	- - - - Clounkeene - - - - -	16.	
18.	- - - - Cahirkinlisk - - - - -	17.	The Southern addition torn, and pinned in; and the Map itself much damaged by taking Traces, some of the denominations being almost cut out.
19.	The Parishes of Drumkeen and Greane - -	18.	
20.	- - - - Ballybrood and Agliscormuck -	19.	The W. addition of this Map somewhat torn and damaged.
21.	- - - - Rathjourdan - - - - -	20.	
22.	- - - - Caherelly - - - - -	21.	
23.	- - - - Insenlawrence - - - -	22.	
24.	- - - - Rochestown and Feadmore - -	23.	
25.	- - - - Cahire Ivrahally - - - -	24.	
26.	- - - - Luddenbegg - - - - -	25.	
27.	- - - Abbyony - - - - -	26.	The S. addition of this Map is detached, loose, and pinned in.
28.	The Barony of Owntheneybeg - - -	30.	
	Parishes:		
29.	The Parish of Abbyownthenebeg - - -	28.	The E. addition nearly torn off, and the W. side of the Map torn off.
30.	- - - - Tough, and part of Downe - -	29.	
31.	The Barony of Small County - - -	41.	
	Parishes:		
32.	The Parishes of Killteely and Ballinloghy - -	31.	
33.	- - - - Kilfrush and Any - - - -	32.	
34.	- - - - Urgare and Athenesy - - -	33.	
35.	- - - - Monisterneany, Glynogry, and Tulloghbracky	34.	
36.	- - - - Feadmore and Kilpeacan - -	35.	
37.	- - - - Cahirconly - - - - -	36.	
38.	- - - - Kilkilane - - - - -	37.	
39.	The Parish of Ballinemonymore - - - -	38.	
40.	- - - - Ballinegard - - - - -	39.	
41.	Part of Brury Parish - - - - - -	40.	
42.	The Barony of Coshma - - - - -	49.	
	Parishes:		
43.	The Parishes of Tankardstown and Kilbreedy -	42.	Slightly torn.
44.	- - - - Drummin - - - - -	43.	
45.	- - - - Athlackagh - - - - -	44.	
46.	- - - - Effin - - - - - -	45.	
47.	- - - - Tullobracky - - - - -	46.	
48.	- - - - Uregare - - - - -	47.	
49.	- - - - Ballingaddy - - - - -	48.	The Abstract torn, and part pinned in.
50.	The Liberties of Kilmallock - - - -	50.	The N. addition loose, and pinned in.
	Parishes:		
51.	The Parish of Galbally - - - - -	51.	
52.	- - - - Ballingarry - - - - -	52.	
53.	- - - - Ballinlondry and Ballinascadane -	53.	
54.	- - - - Downe and Longe - - -	54.	
55.	- - - - Athenesy and Kilbreedy - -	55.	
56.	- - - - Ballingaddin - - - - -	56.	
57.	- - - - Elphin and Killcoone - - -	57.	
58.	- - - - Kilfinane and Particles. - - -	58.	This Map loose, the edges a good deal damaged and torn.

Catalogue of the MAPS of The DOWN SURVEY—*continued.*

No.	*Titles.*	*Office Mark.*	*Observations.*
	COUNTY OF LIMERICK—*continued.*		
59.	The Barony of COSTLEA - - - - - -	59.	Map and Abstract loose, edges damaged.
	Note—The Certificate and Index to this Book much damaged and torn; binding very bad; several sheets at the beginning and end loose, and damaged for want of covers.		
	COUNTY OF LIMERICK Burned Maps.		
	The Barony of CONNELLOE - - - - -	- -	The Barony Map wanting.
	Parishes:		
1.	The Parishes of Kilidy and Monigaine, being each in two parts.	1.	The N. part only remains; with an addition, containing a detached part of Monegaine. Map much torn, and soiled; Scale wanting.
2.	The Parishes of Corkamohide and Clonecreave -	2.	A small part of the E. and S. burned off; Scale and Title wanting. Map, with its Abstract, very dirty.
3.	The Parish of Doonemoy and Kilcolman; and the Parish of Rathronan, in two parts.	3.	The W. Boundary of Rathronan slightly damaged; Scale burned off.
4.	The Parishes of Cloneagh, Kilbradran & Killscannell	4.	A small part of the E. of Killscannell, with the Scale and Title, burned off.
5.	The Parishes of Ballingarry - - - - -	5.	All perfect.
6.	- - - - - Kilfiny and Athdare - - -	6.	Map perfect; Scale and Title burned off.
7.	- - - - - Ardagh and Grangy - - -	7.	A small part of the W. of Grangy only remains; Ardagh perfect; Scale and Title burned.
8.	- - - - - Brury - - - - - -	8.	Scale and Title burned off; Map perfect.
9.	- - - - - Croagh and Cloneshire - -	9.	This Map perfect; part of Scale burned off. There is a part of the Parish of Cappagh pinned with this Map, which probably was an addition to N° 11, Nantenan Parish.
10.	The Parish of Abbyfeale, in two parts - -	10.	The N. part nearly perfect; the S. part, with the Scale and Points, almost totally destroyed.
11.	Part of the Parish of Askeaton, and part of the Parish of Nantenan.	14.	The S. of Nantenan burned off.
12.	The Parishes of Kilmoylan, Robertstown, and Shanagolden.	18.	The N. of Kilmoylan and Shanagolden, with the Title and Scale, burned off. Map very dirty and torn; no Abstract.
13.	- - - - - - Rathkeale, Clonecagh, and Clonisty - - - -	19.	The S. of Clonecagh, with the Scale, burned off; a W. addition to Rathkeale and Clonisty, partly damaged.
14.	- - - - - - Loughill - - - - -	23.	A very small part of E. Boundary, with the Scale, Title, and Points, burned.
15.	The Barony of Coonagh - - - - - -	- -	The S. E. and N. sides, with Scale, Title, and Abstract, burned.
16.	The Barony of KENRY - - - - - -	- -	The Barony Map wanting.
	Parishes:		
17.	The Parish of Kildimoe - - - - - -	11.	Map perfect, but soiled; Scale and Title mostly destroyed; Abstract dirty.
18.	- - - - Kilcornane - - - - - -	12.	A small part of S. with Scale, Title and Points, burned off.
19.	Part of the Parish of Athdare - - - -	15.	The W. part, with Scale and Points, burned.
20.	The Parish of Ardcany - - - - - -	24.	Map clean and perfect; Scale, and part of Title, burned.
		25.	Note, the Map marked 25, was found to belong to County Cork.
21.	- - - - Askeaton - - - - - -	26.	The E. Boundary, and a small part of the N. & S. sides, with the Scale, Title, Points, and Abstract, burned. Map soiled.
22.	The Barony of POBLEBRIAN; - - - - -	- -	The N. side burned off; Scale and Title partly burned.
	Parishes:		
23.	The Parishes of Ballycahen and Killinaghten -	13.	The S. of Ballycahan, and S. and W. of Killinaghton, with Scale, Title, Points, and Abstract, burned.
24.	The Parish of Crecory, and part of Killpeacon, and part of Knocknegaule.	16.	Map perfect; Scale damaged.
25.	The Parish of Monasterneany and Cromc - -	17.	- - D°- - D° and Title damaged, and Points burned off.
26.	- - - - Kileonahama, in two parts - -	20.	The N. burned; Scale and Title damaged.
27.	- - - - Kilkeedy and Mongret - - -	21.	The N. and E. of Kilkeedy, and a small part of the E. of Mongret, with the Scale, burned off; Title damaged.
28.	- - - Cluonona - - - - -	22.	Map perfect, but dirty, and damaged by tracing. Scale burned off.
	The above Maps of the County of LIMERICK are in general in tolerable good Preservation; but burned round the edges. The Title, Index, and Certificate to the Book, wanting.		

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Catalogue of the MAPS of The Down Survey—*continued.*

No.	*Titles.*	*Office Mark.*	*Observations.*
	COUNTY OF LONDONDERRY: Part of one Book.		
	The Barony of TYREKERIN - - - -	42.	
	Parishes:		
2.	The Parish of Faughanvall - - - -	37.	
3.	- - - - Clandermount and Cumber - -	38.	
4.	The Church Land of the Parish of Faghanvall -	39.	
5.	D° - - - in the Parish of Cumber - -	40.	
6.	Part of the Parish of Clandermount and Templemore.	41.	
7.	The Barony of KENOGHT - - - - -	50.	
	Parishes:		
8.	Part of Parish of Fynnlaghan, or Templefinlaggan	43.	
9.	Part of Parish of Drumcross and Baltiagh - -	44.	
10.	Part of the Parish of Drumcross - - - -	45.	
11.	The Parish of Ardmagilligan, alias Tamloghard -	46.	
12.	Part of Parish of Banacharr - - - -	47.	
13.	The Parish of Bouevy - - - -	48.	
14.	The forfeited Parts of the Parishes of Dungevan, Aghalow, and Banagher.	49.	
15.	The Barony of COLERAIN - - - -	55.	Part of Abstract loose, and pinned in.
	Parishes:		
16.	The Church Land of the Parish of Dunbo - -	51.	
17.	Part of the Parishes of Camus and Killowen -	52.	
18.	Part of the Parish of Aghadowny - - -	53.	
19.	- - - - - - Desertoghinn and Arragell -	54.	
20.	The Liberties of COLERAIN - - - -	59.	
	Parishes:		
21.	The Parish of Ballyrasheran, and Part of Ballemony	56.	
22.	The Parish of Ballewillin - - - -	57.	Part of N. W. addition somewhat loose.
23.	- - - - Ballyagharen - - - -	58.	
24.	The Barony of LOGHINSHOLLIN - - -	65.	This Map and Abstract sheet loose, and a good deal damaged for want of binding.
25.	Part of the Parishes of Towlagochrill and Ballyskulen.	60.	
26.	Part of the Parishes of Killelagh, Maghera, Farmonery, and Kilranaghan.		
27.	The Church Land in the Parishes of Lissan and Desertmartin.	62.	This Map appears to include other Lands.
28.	The Parish of Ballinskreen - - - -	63.	
29.	Part of the Parishes of Arboe, Artrea, Tawlaghtkilligh and Ballinderry.	64.	This Map and Abstract sheet loose, and a good deal damaged for want of binding.
	This Book wants binding very much, the Covers being off.		
	COUNTY OF LONGFORD: One Book.		
1.	The Barony of MOYDOW - - - - -	5.	
	Parishes:		
2.	The Parish of Ballimackormack and Killish - -	1.	
3.	- - - - Kilglasse - - - - -	2.	
4.	The Parishes of Fashinode and Moydow, and part of Ardagh.	3.	The Abstract sheet loose, a little damaged, and torn at edges. There is a small part of another Abstract sheet to this Map, bound in the Book, which seems to have contained nearly the same matter as the Abstract sheet which lies loose.
5.	The Parish of Kildacomoge - - - -	4.	
6.	The Barony of ARDAGH - - - - -	12.	
	Parishes:		
7.	The Parish of Templemichael - - - -	6.	
8.	- - - - Rathreagh - - - - -	7.	The W. Addition loose, and pinned in.
9.	The Parishes of Kilglasse and Ardagh - - -	8.	Map torn.
10.	The Parish of Ballimacarmoth - - - -	9.	
11.	The Half Parish of Streete - - - -	10.	
12.	The Parish of Mastrim - - - - -	11.	

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No.	*Titles.*	*Office Mark.*	*Observations.*
	COUNTY LONGFORD—*continued.*		
13.	The Barony of GRANARD - - - - -	17.	
	Parishes:		
14.	The bigger part of Abbylarra - - - -	13.	
15.	The Parish of Granard - - - - -	14.	
16.	- - - - Clonbrone - - - - -	15.	
17.	- - - - Colomkill - - - - -	16.	
18.	The Barony of LONGFORD - - - -	22.	The Abstract sheet torn across.
	Parishes:		
19.	Part of the Parish of Killishea - - - -	18.	E. addition slightly torn.
20.	- - - - - - Clongish - - - -	19.	S. addition loose, and pinned in; W. addition torn.
21.	The Parish of Moghill - - - - -	20.	
22.	- - - - Killoe - - - - - -	21.	The SE. addition loose, and pinned in.

The Binding of this Book is tolerably good.

COUNTY LONGFORD Burned Maps.

1.	The Barony of ABBYSHREWL - - - - -	- -	Perfect; N. side slightly torn.
	Parishes:		
2.	The Parishes of Aghara, Abbyshrewl, and part of Kilglass.	1.	These three Maps clean and perfect: the edges very slightly burned.
3.	The Parish of Forghnie, and part of Knockavale -	2.	
4.	- - - - Taghshinnie, and part of Kildacomoge.	3.	
5.	The Barony of RATHLINE - - - - -	- -	Perfect.
	Parishes:		
6.	The Parish of Rathlin - - - - -	4.	A small part of the N. and W. Boundaries burned off; a SW. addition loose, and pinned in.
7.	Part of D° of Kildacomage - - - -	5.	Perfect.
8.	The Parish of Cosball - - - - -	6.	A S. addition, slightly burned; rest perfect.
9.	- - - - Shrewre - - - - -	7.	Perfect.

The burned Maps of this County are in general in very good order, being but very slightly burned at the edges. There is neither Title, Certificate, nor Index to them as a Book.

COUNTY OF LOUTH Burned Maps.

1.	The Barony of ATHERDEE - - - - -	- -	A small scrap of the N. part remains, without Scale or Points.
	Parishes:		
2.	The Parishes of Tallonstown, Mapperstown, and Charlestown.	2.	Most part of Tallonstown, with the N. part of Charlestown, and a very small part of Mapperstown, remain; without Scale, Title or Points.
3.	The Parishes of Shanlish, Killdemock, and Smermer	4.	The E. part of Shanlish, the W. of Killdemock, and a small part of the N. of Smermer, only remain; without Scale or Title.
4.	The Parish of Clonkine - - - - -	6.	A small part of the N. remains, without Scale or Points.
5.	- - - - Atherdee - - - - -	8.	A small part of the NW. only remains; without Scale, Title or Points.
6.	The Parishes of Kilsaran and Dromcar - -	9.	The NE. part of Kilsaran, and NW. of Drumcar, remain; without Scale, Title or Points.
6 a.	The Barony of DUNDALK.		
	Parishes:		
7.	The Parish of Carlingford - - - - -	1.	A small part of the E. only remains; Scale, Title, Points, and Abstract sheet, burned off.
8.	- - - - Dundalk - - - - -	5.	A small part of the NE. only remains; without Scale or Title.
9.	The Barony of FERRARD - - - - -	7.	A small scrap of the NW. part remains; without Scale, Title or Points.
10.	The Barony of LOUTH - - - - - -	- -	A very small part of the N. remains, without Scale or Title.
	Parishes:		
11.	The Parish of Louth - - - - - -	3.	The N. part only remains; without Scale, Title or Points.

The Burned Maps of the County LOUTH are in general in a very imperfect state, being for the most part but small fragments, of 8 or 10 inches diameter, in the centre of each Map. The Title, Certificate, and Index, wanting. They are invariably without their Abstract sheets.

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No.	Titles.	Office Mark.	Observations.
	COUNTY OF MEATH.—One Book.		
1.	The Barony and Parish of DUNBOYNE - - -	1.	The Abstract sheet very much torn.
2.	The Barony of RATOOTH.		
	Parishes:		
3.	The Parish of Rathbeggan - - - -	2.	
4.	- - - - Rathregan - - - - -	3.	
5.	- - - - Killeglan, and part of Trivett - -	4.	
6.	- - - - Ballymaglassan - - - -	5.	
7.	- - - - Dunsaghlin - - - - -	6.	
8.	- - - - Cookstown and Creekstown - -	7.	
9.	- - - - Kilbrew - - - - -	8.	
10.	- - - - Dunamore and Grenogg - -	9.	The Edges torn.
11.	- - - - Ratooth - - - - -	10.	D°, and S. addition a little damaged.
12.	The Barony of DULEEK - - - - -	18.	See No. 47, Kells Barony.
	Parishes:		
13.	The Parishes of Duleek and Abbey - - -	12.	A little torn at edges.
14.	- - - - - Ardcath, Piercetown and Clonalvy	13.	
15.	- - - - - Stamullen, Moorchurch & Ballygart	14.	This Map torn quite across.
16.	- - - - - Ballingarvy and Killmoon - -	15.	
17.	- - - - - Kentstown, Fennor, Painstown and Brownstown.	16.	
18.	- - - - - Killcarvan, Colpe and Julianstown.	17.	This Map torn at the edges.
19.	The Barony of MOYFENRAGH - - - -	28.	
	Parishes:		
20.	The Parish of Trim - - - - - -	19.	
21.	- - - - Laracorr - - - - -	20.	
22.	- - - - Rathcore - - - - -	21.	The S. addition torn off; a part of which remains pinned to the Map. The W. addition somewhat loose, and torn.
23.	- - - - Rathmullain - - - -	22.	Part of N. addition wanting, and W. addition loose with the Map.
24.	- - - - Castle Rickard - - - -	23.	The S. and E. additions slightly torn.
25.	- - - - Killian - - - - -	24.	
26.	- - - - Clonard - - - - -	25.	
27.	- - - - Ballyboggan - - - -	26.	
28.	- - - - Castle Jordan - - - -	27.	
29.	The Barony of KELLS - - - - -	49.	The W. addition of this Map is loose, torn in two parts, and pinned in; the Abstract sheet torn.
	Parishes:		
30.	The Parish of Kells - - - - - -	29.	Much torn.
31.	- - - Rathboyne - - - - -	30.	
32.	- - - - Burry - - - - - -	31.	
33.	- - - - Girly - - - - - -	32.	
34.	- - - - Kilskyre - - - - -	33.	The S. addition loose, and pinned in.
35.	- - - - Moynalty - - - - -	34.	
36.	- - - - Donogh Patrick - - - -	35.	
37.	- - - - Teltown - - - - -	36.	
38.	- - - - Emlogh - - - - -	37.	
39.	- - - - Loghan - - - - - -	38.	
40.	- - - - Duleene - - - - -	39.	
41.	- - - - Newtown - - - - -	40.	
42.	- - - - Kilbeg - - - - -	41.	
43.	- - - - Stahalmok - - - - -	42.	
44.	- - - - Crucetown - - - - -	43.	
45.	- - - - Kilmainham - - - - -	44.	
46.	The Poles of Balliattyknaffe - - - -	45.	
47.	- - - - Ballybreachy - - - - -	46.	
48.	- - - - Castlekearan - - - - -	47.	This appears by the Abstract sheet, and also by Vallancey's Copy, to belong to the Barony of Duleek. The Baronial Map of Kells Barony has given it as a Parish in it, without mentioning that it belonged to Duleek.
49.	- - - - Ardmagh and Bregah - - -	48.	This appears to belong to the Barony of Morgallion, from all the Maps; but lies within the limits of the Barony of Kells.
50.	The Half Barony of FOORE - - - -	56.	
	Parishes:		
51.	The Parish of Killallon - - - - -	50.	
52.	- - - - Diamore and Clonebreny - -	51.	
53.	- - - - Loghcrew - - - - -	52.	
54.	- - - - Moylagh - - - - -	53.	
55.	- - - - Oldcastle - - - - -	54.	
56.	- - - - Killeigh - - - - -	55.	

The Binding of this Book is tolerably good.

Catalogue of the MAPS of The DOWN SURVEY—*continued.*

No.	*Titles.*	*Office Mark.*	*Observations.*
	COUNTY OF MEATH Burned Maps.		
1.	The Barony of DEECE - - - - - -	- -	A good deal of the N. the W. and the S. with Scale and Title, burned.
	Parishes:		
2.	The Parishes of Ballsoone and Assy - - -	2.	A small part of the N. of Ballsoone, the entire of the E. of Assy, with Scale and Title, burned. Map very dirty.
3.	- - - - - Drumlargin and Killmore - -	16.	A small part of SW. of Drumlargin, and S. of Killmore, with Scale and Title, burned off.
4.	- - - - - Rodanstown, Ballfeehan, Gallow, Agherpallis, and part of Ratheor.	20. B.	A very small part of the SE. of Rodanstown, the W. of Agherpallis, and the most part of Ratheor, with the Title, burned off. Map very dirty.
5.	- - - - - Culmullen and Knockmark - -	26.	A small part of W. of Culmullen, with the NW. of Knockmark, and the Scale and Title, burned off.
6.	- - - - - Moyglare and Killone - -	27.	The W. of Killone, and the unforfeited part of Moyglare, with the Title, burned off.
7.	- - - - - Trubley, Balsoone & Killmessan -	38.	The NE. of Trubley, N. of Ballsoone, NE. of Killmessan, with Scale and Title, burned off. Map very dirty.
8.	- - - - - Scurlogstown - - - - -	40.	NE. side, with Title and Points, burned off. Map torn.
9.	- - - - - Galtrim, Kiltall, and Dirpatrick -	41.	The N. part of Galtrim, N. and E. of Kiltall, and E. of Dirpatrick, with the Title, burned off.
10.	The Barony of LUNE - - - - - -	42.	The N. and W. sides, with Scale and Title, burned off.
	Parishes:		
11.	The Parishes of Moyagher and Rathmore - -	7.	The N. of Moyagher, with the Scale, burned off.
12.	- - - - - Killaconican - - - -	14.	The E. with Scale and Title, burned off.
13.	- - - - - Kildasky - - - - -	28.	The W. with Scale and Title, burned off.
14.	- - - - - Athboy - - - - -	29.	Part of the N. the W. and the E. with the Scale and Title, burned off.
15.	The Barony of MORGALLION - - - - -	- -	The N. part, with the Scale and Title, burned off. Map dirty.
	Parishes:		
16.	The Parish of Nobber - - - - -	3.	The N. with a small part of the W. and S. Boundary, Scale and Title, burned.
17.	- - - - Cloongill - - - - -	5.	The N. with Scale and Title, burned off.
18.	- - - - Kilberry - - - - -	13.	A small part of the N. with the Scale, Title, and Points, burned off.
19.	The Parishes of Kilpatrick and Knock - -	17.	A very small part of the N. Boundary of Kilpatrick, with Title and Points, burned off.
20.	- - - - - Kilsany and Drakestown - -	25.	A small part of the N. SE. and SW. of Kilsany, and NW. of Drakestown, with Title and Points, burned off. Note.—A detached part of Kilsany is marked in the Barony Map, and in Vallancey's Copy, as belonging to Drakestown Parish.
21.	The Barony of NAVAN - - - - - -	- -	The N. and E. sides, with Scale, Title, and Points, burned off.
	Parishes:		
22.	The Parish of Donoghmore - - - -	6.	A very small part of the N. Boundary, with Scale and Title, burned; rest perfect.
23.	- - - - Churchtown and Ratone - -	8.	Map perfect; Scale and Title only wanting.
24.	- - - - Trimilstown and Trim - - -	10.	The E. of Trim, with the Title, burned off.
25.	- - - - Tullahanoge and Moymett - -	11.	A small part of the E. and N. Boundary, with Scale, Title, and Points, burned off.
26.	- - - - Clonmacduffe - - - -	22.	Scale and Title burned off; rest perfect.
27.	- - - - Kilcooly and Newtown - -	23.	A small part of the NE. of Kilcooly, and the Title, burned off.
28.	- - - - Ardsallagh - - - - - -	24.	A small part of the N. and NE. with Scale and Title, burned off.
29.	- - - - Navan - - - - - - -	30.	The E. side, with the Scale, burned.
30.	- - - - Rathkenny - - - - - -	35.	A small part of the E. Boundary, with the Title, burned off. Map soiled.
31.	- - - - Rathboyne and Martery - - -	45.	The N. part of Martery, with most part of the Title, burned off.
32.	- - - - Donoghpatrick, Liscartan, and Ardbracken.	46.	The N. of Donoghpatrick and Liscartan, with the E. of Ardbracken, Scale and Points, burned.
33.	The Barony of SCREENE - - - - - -	- -	The E. side, Scale, Title and Points, burned off; with a small part of the South.
	Parishes:		
34.	The Parishes of Tymoole, Rathseigh, and Cullingstown.	1.	The N. of Tymoole, and the Title, burned off; with part of the Scale. Map very dirty.
35.	- - - - - Templekeran, Monkstown, and Lismullen.	9.	Title wanting. Map clean and perfect.
36.	- - - - - Skreen - - - - - -	18.	The N. Boundary, with the Scale and Title, burned off.

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Catalogue of the MAPS of The Down Survey—*continued.*

No.	Titles.	Office Mark.	Observations.
	COUNTY OF MEATH—*continued.*		
	The Barony of SCREENE—*continued.*		
37.	The Parishes of Macetown and Dainestown -	20.	The S. part of Macetown, and the N., being a detached part of Dainestown, burned.
38.	- - - - - Killeen and Dunsany - - -	31.	Clean and perfect, all but the Title.
39.	- - - - - Trevett - - - - - -	32.	A very small part of the N. Boundary, and the Title, burned.
40.	- - - - - Athlumney and Kilcarne - -	33.	The N. part of Athlumney, with Scale, Title, and Points, burned off. Map much torn.
41.	- - - - - Ardmulchan and Foliestown -	34.	The SE. of Foliestown, with the Title and Points, burned off. The N. Boundary of Ardmulchan slightly burned.
42.	- - - - - Dowestown and Taragh - -	37.	Most part of Dowestown, with the Scale and Title, burned off.
43.	The Barony of SLANE; - - - - - -	- -	The edges, and central part where the Map was folded, with the Scale and Title, burned. The Map is in two pieces.
	Parishes:		
44.	Part of the Parishes of Uniskeen or Iniskeene, and part of Nobber.	4.	The NW. Boundary of Uniskeen, with the Title, and a small part of the S. of Nobber, burned off.—Note, this Map is marked in a modern hand, "Kells, or Morgallion Barony;" but on comparing it with the Baronial Map, and Vallancey's Copies of those Baronies, and not appearing to be in either, reference was had to the Book of Survey in the Auditor General's Office, which shewed it to be in Slane Barony.
45.	The Parish of Drumcondrath - - - -	12.	The Title and Points burned off, with a small part of the W. and SW. and SE.
46.	The Manor and Parish of Dowth - - -	15.	The E. part, with the Scale, burned off. No Abstract sheet.
47.	The Parish of Slane - - - - - -	19.	A part of the S. Boundary, and most of the Title, burned off.
48.	- - - - Ardagh - - - - - -	21.	A good deal of the SE. with the Scale and Title, and a small part of the N. burned off.
49.	The Parishes of Gernonstown and Stackallin -	36.	The S. part of Stackallin, with the Scale and Title, burned off.
50.	- - - - Loghbrackan and Mitchelstown	39.	Scale partly, and Title entirely, destroyed. Map perfect.—Note, the N. point on this Map, is the S. on the Barony Map, and on Vallancey's.
51.	- - - - - Killary - - - - -	43.	Title burned, rest perfect.
52.	- - - - - Inismott and Siddan - -	44.	The E. Boundary of both Parishes, with the Title, burned off.
	COUNTY OF MAYO Burned Maps.		
	First Sheet is an Index to the Parishes in the Counties of Mayo and Sligo.		
1.	The Barony of TIRAWLY - - - - -	- -	The edges all round, with the Scale, Title and Points, burned off.
	Parishes:		
2.	The Parish of Ardagh - - - - - -	1.	The S. with Scale and Title, burned.
3.	- - - - Kilfiuan - - - - - -	2.	The Scale, Title and Points, burned; the NW. slightly, and the part where the E. addition joined, much burned.
4.	- - - - Magawny - - - - - -	3.	The NE. NW. and S. with Scale, Title and Points, burned off.
5.	- - - - Addergowle - - - - -	4.	The W. & E. sides, with Scale and Title, burned off.
6.	- - - - Kilbealfada - - - - -	5.	The N. and S. ends burned off. A burned S. addition pinned in.
7.	- - - - Killalow - - - - - -	6.	Scale, Points, and part of Title, burned off. A small detached part burned at the W. Map much soiled.
8.	- - - - Rathreagh - - - - - -	7.	The N. E. and W. sides burned. Scale and Points almost totally destroyed.
9.	- - - - Crosmolina - - - - - -	8.	Scale burned, Commons much burned, the Parish perfect.
10.	- - - - Killcommin, in two parts - -	9.	The E. side, with Scale, and most of the Title, burned off.
11.	- - - - Templemurrie - - - - -	10.	The NE. NW. and S. sides, with the Title, burned off.
12.	- - - - Leckan - - - - - -	11.	The S. side, and most of Title, burned off.
13.	- - - - Ballinaglasse - - - - -	12.	The Map burned across the middle, where it had been folded; part of the Title, with Scale, destroyed. The NW. slightly burned.
14	The Parishes of Ballyshikilly and Killmoremoy -	13.	The NW. NE. S. and a good deal of the E. Boundary, with Scale and Title, burned off. An E. addition, containing a detached part of Ballyshikilly Parish, is pinned in. Killmoremoy, consisting of two small Surrounds in the centre of Ballyshikilly, is perfect.

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No.	Titles.	Office Mark.	Observations.
	COUNTY MAYO—*continued.*		
	The Barony of TYRAWLY—*continued.*		
15.	The Parish of Kilbridy - - - - - -	14.	The S. and SE. and a small part of the N. with the Boundary at the NW. and E. sides, and the Scale, Points, and Title, burned off. Map torn in two places, and a slip of paper pasted on the back of one of them.
16.	The Parishes of Doonefinny and Killfyan, and the Commons to this Barony.	15.	The E. being more than half Doonfinny and Killfyan, with Scale and Title, and the S. SE. and SW. of the Commons, and also the N. and NW. Boundary of the Commons, burned off.—Note, Vallancey's Copy has a chasm in the Boundary of the Commons on the W.
	Note. The Maps of this County are but in tolerable order; generally much burned round the edges. A part of the original Index remains, without the Certificate or Title Page.		
	COUNTY OF MONAGHAN Burned Maps.		
1.	The Barony of CREMORNE - - - - -	- -	Map clean and perfect.
	Parishes:		
2.	The Parish of Aghnemullan - - - - -	4.	The S. part slightly damaged.
3.	Part of the Parish of Tehallan - - - -	5.	Map perfect.—Note, this Parish, in Vallancey's Copy, is included in the NE. of Cloutebret Parish.
4.	The Parish of Tullycorbet - - - - -	7.	A small part of the NW. burned off. The SE. addition is very dirty, loose, pinned in, and burnt.
5.	- - - - Clownetebret - - - -	8.	The NE. part burned; and the N. and E. additions loose, and pinned in.—Note. The Map, marked in the Office No. 9, is one of the said additions.
6.	The Barony of DARTRY - - - - -	- -	A very small part of the E. and W. burnt off; Scale damaged.
	Parishes:		
7.	The Parish of Aghabog - - - - -	1.	The NE. and SW. Boundaries burned off. Map dirty, and much injured by tracing.
8.	- - - - Edergale - - - - -	2.	The NE. Boundary burnt off; and a SW. addition loose, and pinned in.
9.	- - - - Kilkevan - - - - -	3.	D° - - D°.
10.	- - - - Clownish - - - - -	10.	A small part of the NE. and a very small part of S. Boundary, burned off. Scale partly damaged.
11.	- - - - Currin - - - - -	16.	Scale and Title damaged. A W. addition to this Map loose, pinned in, and partly burned.
12.	The Barony of MONAGHAN - - - - -	- -	Map perfect; Scale damaged.
	Parishes:		
13.	The Parish of Tehallen - - - - -	6.	The NE. and W. Boundary slightly burned. Scale, and most part of Title wanting. The W. addition loose, and pinned in.
14.	- - - - Teelownet - - - - -	11.	Map very much burned, and dirty. No Abstract sheet. The N. burnt off; and there appears to have been a S. addition, which is now wanting.
15.	- - - - Monaghan - - - - -	12.	Map perfect, but a little soiled.
16.	- - - - Tollecorbet - - - - -	13.	Map perfect; Scale and Title partly burned.
17.	- - - - Kilmore - - - - -	14.	Scale partly burned. A S. addition loose, much soiled, pinned in, and slightly burned.
18.	- - - - Drumsnatt - - - - -	15.	Scale partly damaged; Map perfect.
19.	- - - - Clonis - - - - -	17.	The N. side burned. There appears to have been an addition on this side, which is now wanting. No Abstract sheet.
20.	The Barony of TROUGH - - - - -	- -	The N. part burned; Scale partly burned.
	Parishes:		
21.	The Parish of Donough - - - - -	18.	The NW. and N. and NE. partly burned. No Abstract sheet.
	No. 22, in the Office List, is the addition pinned into No. 9. The Burned Maps of the County MONAGHAN are in general in tolerably good order. The Certificate is preserved; but the Title and Index to the Book wanting. The edges of the Maps are burned.		
	QUEEN'S COUNTY: Part of one Book.		
1.	The Barony of UPPER OSSORY - - - -	11.	Has been torn, and repaired; the Abstract sheet torn.
	Parishes:		
2.	The Parish of Clonkin, and part of Rosconnell -	1.	The edges of this Map a little torn and damaged.
3.	- - - - Durrow, Killeny, and part of Agharny	2.	
4.	- - - - Coolkerry and Aghmacart - -	3.	
5.	- - - - Bordwell and Killermogh - -	4.	

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Catalogue of the MAPS of The Down Survey—*continued.*

No.	*Titles.*	*Office Mark.*	*Observations.*
	QUEEN'S COUNTY—*continued.*		
	Upper Ossory Barony—*continued.*		
6.	The Parish of Aghavoe - - - - -	5.	The edges slightly torn.
7.	Part of Parish of Eirke - - - - -	6.	The N. addition slightly torn.
8.	The Parish of Rathsaran - - - - -	7.	A part of this Map has been cut out, and a piece inserted; but it does not appear to have affected the trace, as all the denominations in the Abstract are in the Map.
9.	- - - - Rathdowny - - - - -	8.	A detached part of this Map is erroneously marked, "Rathsaran Parish," but belongs to Rathdowny; as appears by reference to the Distribution Book.
10.	The Parish of Skeirke, Downamore, and Kildilligie	9.	
11.	- - - - Offerillan and Kilballiduffe - -	10.	Map torn, and Abstract sheet also at edges; the W. addition torn off, and pinned in.
12.	The Barony of Balliadams - - - -	14.	
	Parishes:		
13.	The Parish of Kilmackedy and Fontstown, and part of St. John's.	12.	
14.	- - - - Rathnespug, Tankardstown, Killibane, and Monks Grange.	13.	
	The Certificate and Index to this Book torn and damaged; Binding in bad order.		
	QUEEN'S COUNTY Burned Maps.		
1.	The Barony of Cullinagh - - - -	- -	Map perfect; Scale damaged.
	Parishes:		
2.	The Parish of Cloneheene - - - - -	1.	A small part of W. side, with part of Scale, burned.
3.	- - - - Ballyroan and Fossi - - -	2.	Perfect.
4.	The Barony of Maryboro' - - - -	- -	Map perfect; Scale unintelligible, but is same as Vallancey's, viz. 160 perches to an inch.
	Parishes:		
5.	The Parish of Kilcolmanbane, and part of Timochoe	4.	A small part of W. of Kilcolmanbane burned off; Scale damaged.
6.	The Parish of Burres - - - - - -	5.	Perfect; but soiled.
7.	- - - - Clonenagh and Cloneheene - -	3.	A small part of S. burned off; Title partly burned; Map soiled; Abstract sheet torn.
8.	The Barony of Portnahinch - - - -	- -	Perfect; Scale damaged.
	Parishes:		
9.	The Parish of Coolebanchor - - - -	6.	A small part of the SE. burned, and the W. addition partly burned. Map dirty.
10.	- - - - Lea - - - - - - -	7.	A small part of W. burned; Scale damaged.
11.	The Barony of Slewmargigh - - -	- -	Perfect.
	Parishes:		
12.	The Parishes of Killebran and Rahaspuge - -	8.	Map perfect; Scale damaged.
13.	- - - - Killeshin - - - - -	9.	A small part of S. burned off; Scale damaged.
14.	- - - - Sleaty and Shrowle - - -	10.	Map perfect; Scale damaged.
15.	The Barony of Stradbally - - - -	11.	D° - - - - D°.
	Parishes:		
	The Parishes of Corcloane and part of Ballyallan, the rest of the Barony being Unforfeited Land.		
16.	The Barony of Tenehinch - - - -	- -	D° - - - - D°.
	Parishes:		
17.	The Parish of Rossanollis - - - - -	12.	Perfect.
18.	- - - - Rerymore - - - - -	13.	The W. part burned off. There appears to have been an East^n addition, containing a detached part of this Parish, which is now wanting.—Note. The NE. point on this Map, nearly corresponds with the N. point in the Barony Map and Vallancey's.
19.	- - - - Kilmannan - - - - -	14.	Perfect.
20.	- - - - Castlebracke - - - -	15.	The NW. and SE. edges damaged.
	The burned Maps of this County, except N°s 7. and 9. are in good order; but a little burned at the edges.		

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No.	Titles.	Office Mark.	Observations.
	COUNTY OF SLIGO Burned Maps.		
1.	The Barony of CARBURY - - - -		The W. N. SE. and Points, burned off; Scale and Title partly burned.
	Parishes:		
2.	The Parish of Dromcliffe - - - - -	7.	The W. and SW. sides, with the Scale and part of Title, and edges nearly all round, burned. The Abstract sheet is in two parts, pinned to the Map; the Scale the same as Vallancey's, viz. 160 perches to an inch.
3.	- - - - Kil McOwen - - - - -	18.	The W. S. and E. sides, with Scale and Points, burned off.
4.	- - - - Killasbegbrown - - - - -	21.	A very small bit of the SW. and NE. sides, with Title and Points, burned off.
5.	- - - - Aghamlisk - - - - -	25.	The N. and E. parts, with Scale and most of the Title, burned off.
6.	- - - - St. John - - - - -	34.	The SE. with the Points, burned off; Scale and Title partly burned.
7.	- - - - Calrie - - - - -	35.	The E. side, with the Scale, burned off.
8.	The Barony of CORRAN - - - - -	- -	The entire S. side, with Scale and most of the Title, burned off.
	Parishes:		
9.	The Parish of Tumower - - - - -	15.	A part of SE. with most of Scale, burned.
10.	- - - - Kilturroe - - - - -	16.	The E. side, with the Title, burned off; Scale unintelligible; Map very dirty. Note. There is a difference between this Map and the Baronial Map and Vallancey's Copy, as to the Bounds between this Parish and the Parish of Cloneoghill.
11.	- - - - Cloneoghill - - - - -	17.	A very small part of the S. Boundary, with the Scale and most of the Title, burned.
12.	- - - - Killmurrogh - - - - -	19.	S. part, with Scale and most of the Title, burned.
13.	- - - - Killoshally and Drumratt - -	22.	Drumratt perfect: a part of the W. and SW., and a small part of the SE. of Killoshally, with the Scale, Title, and Points, burned.
14.	- - - - Emlaghfadda - - - -	23.	The S. end, with the Scale and most of the Title, burned off; Map and Abstract dirty.
15.	The Barony of LEYNY - - - - -	- -	A small part of S. side, with the Scale and most of Title, burned off.
	Parishes:		
16.	The Parish of Achonry - - - - -	1.	The E. N. W. and S. with the Title, burned; a SE. addition loose, and partly burned; Abstract sheet much damaged.
17.	- - - Kilmacteige and Kilorin - -	2.	The E. side of Kilorin burned off. Note. This Map also contains Kilwarnett, not mentioned in the Title; and appears, from a comparison with the Baronial Map, never to have contained Kilmacteige, though mentioned in the Title.
18.	- - - - Kilmacteige - - - - -	9.	Part of SE., and a very small part of NE. side, with the Scale, burned off. On comparing this Map with Vallancey's, there appears a variation in the colouring between the Forfeited part and Mountain in Common; also, as to a Bog on the S.
19.	- - - - Balishandra - - - - -	26.	Map perfect, but dirty; Scale wanting.
20.	The Barony of TIRERAGH - - - -	- -	The E. side, and a small part of SW., with Scale and Title, burned off.
	Parishes:		
21.	The Parish of Castleconner - - - -	13.	The W. S. and E. with Scale and Title, burned.
22.	- - - - Kilglasse - - - - -	20.	The N. and E. sides, with Scale and Title, burned.
23.	- - - - Skrein - - - - -	28.	The N. and S. ends, with Scale and Title, burned.
24.	- - - - Templeboy alias Corkagh - -	29.	The NE. NW. and S. with Scale and Title, burned off.
25.	- - - - Estenagh - - - - -	30.	The NW. and NE. with the Scale, burned off; a small S. addition wanting.
26.	- - - - Dromard - - - - -	31.	A small part of NE. with Scale and Title, burned off.
27.	- - - - Kilmacshalgan - - - -	32.	A small part of S. with Scale and Title, burned off.
28.	- - - - Kilmoremoy - - - - -	33.	The S. end, with Scale and Title, burned off.
29.	The Barony of TIRRARIL - - - - -	- -	A small part of the E., with the Scale and Title, burned off.
	Parishes:		
30.	The Parish of Tawnagh - - - - -	3.	A part of NW. and the entire E. side, with Scale and most of Title, burned off.
31.	- - - - Kilrasse and Ballysandragh - -	4.	The NW. and S. of Ballysandragh, the E. of Kilrasse, with the Title and Points, burned off; Scale unintelligible.
32.	- - - - Kill McAllan and Dromcollom -	5.	The NW. S. and SE. sides burned off; the NE. addition, with Scale and Title, much burned.
33.	- - - - Killery and Ballisomaghan - -	6.	Killery perfect; the S. of Ballisomaghan, with Scale and Title, burned off. Map dirty.

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Catalogue of Maps, DownSurvey.

Catalogue of the MAPS of The Down Survey—*continued.*

No.	Titles.	Office Mark.	Observations.
	COUNTY OF SLIGO—*continued.*		
	The Barony of TYRRAHIL—*continued.*		
34.	- - - - Sankuagh - - - - - -	8.	A very small part of E. and S. Boundary, with Scale, Points, and part of Title, burned; Map dirty, and burned round edges.
35.	- - - - Athehanagh - - - - - -	10.	Part of the S. and SE., with the Scale and Title, burned off.
			Note. On comparing this with Vallancey's Map, there appears a deficiency in the Bounds of his, on the SE. side. The Parish Map also includes a Denomination, at the NW. side, which Vallancey leaves entirely out of this, and puts in the adjoining Parish of Collom. But it is presumed this must be wrong, as it disagrees with the Rough Distribution Book.
		11.	Note. The Map marked No. 11. in Office List, was formerly discovered to belong to the County Mayo, and is No. 13. of that County.
36.	- - - - Ballinakill - - - - - -	12.	The NE. part, with the Scale and Title, burned off.
37.	- - - - Killodowin - - - - - -	14.	Part of NE. and SW. sides, and Title, with the Points, burned off.
38.	- - - - Kilmactrany - - - - - -	27.	The NE. part, with Scale and most of the Title, burned off; Map dirty.
	The Maps of this Book are a *good deal* burned round the edges; the parts left are, in general, in tolerably good Preservation. *There is neither* Title, Index, *nor* Certificate.		
	COUNTY TIPPERARY (One Book.)		
1.	The Barony of SLEVARDAGH and COMPSEY -	16.	This Map has been torn, and repaired; the Abstract sheet torn.
	Parishes:		
2.	The Parish of Fennor, in two parcels - - -	1.	Map damaged at edges, the NE. side torn off. The Map has been pasted down on the sheet which contains the Certificate.
3.	- - - - Kilcowly, in three several parcels -	2.	
4.	- - - - Buolick - - - - - -	3.	
5.	- - - - Graystown, and part of Ballinure -	4.	
6.	- - - - Killenaile - - - - -	5.	
7.	- - - - Croaghan - - - - -	6.	
8.	- - - - Mowny - - - - -	7.	
9.	- - - - Ballingary - - - - -	8.	
10.	- - - - Lismalin - - - - -	9.	
11.	- - - - Modesbell - - - - -	10.	
12.	Part of Cloneen - - - - - - -	11.	
13.	The Parish of Isartkeiran - - - - -	12.	
14.	- - - - Kilmanenan - - - - -	13.	
15.	- - - - Grangemockleer - - - -	14.	
16.	Part of Newtownlenane - - - - -	15.	
17.	The Barony or Territory of KILENEMANAGH -	25.	This Map has been torn, and repaired.
	Parishes:		
18.	The Parish of Castletown, and part of Down - -	17.	
19.	- - - - Toome - - - - - -	18.	
20.	- - - - Donnaghill and Agherow - -	19.	
21.	- - - - Ballintample and Kilpatrick -	20.	A small part of W. Boundary cut off in binding.
22.	- - - - Oghterleagh - - - - -	21.	
23.	- - - - Clonoltie - - - - -	22.	The NW. addition a little torn.
24.	- - - - Clogher, and part of Holicrosse.		
25.	- - - - Mealliffe & part of Templeoughteragh.		
26.	The Barony or Territory of KILNELONGURTY -	- -	This Map has been torn, and repaired.
	Parishes:		
27.	Part of the Parishes of Moalliffe and Ballaghcahill -	26.	
28.	The Parish of Templeoughteragh and Templebeg -	27.	
29.	The Barony of OWNY and ARRA - - -	35.	
	Parishes:		
30.	The Parish of Youghill, and part of Musea - -	29.	Abstract sheet torn.
31.	- - - - Burges - - - - - -	30.	D° - - - - and repaired.
32.	- - - - Castletown - - - - -	31.	D° - - - - D°.
33.	- - - - Templeically and Killmacstully -	32.	Map damaged at bottom; the SE. addition torn off, and pinned in; the Abstract sheet a good deal torn and damaged, but partly repaired.
34.	- - - - Killoscully and Killcommonty, and part of Stradbally.	33.	Map slightly torn; Abstract sheet torn and repaired, part lies loose.
35.	The Parishes of Kilmilanand and Kilneragh, and Abbeyowny.	34.	Map slightly torn; the Abstract sheet torn across and damaged, the torn part lies loose.
36.	The Barony of UPPER ORMOND - - -	50.	This Map has been torn across, and repaired; the two Abstract sheets torn and damaged.
	Parishes:		
37.	Part of Parish of Aghnamaydull, entitled on the Map "the greatest part contiguous of the Parish "of Aghnamaydull."	36.	The NW. addition partly loose.
38.	Part of Aghnamaydull & the Parish of Latherath	37.	
39.	The Parish of Ballimackie - - - -	38.	

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No.	*Titles.*	*Office Mark.*	*Observations.*
	COUNTY OF TIPPERARY—*continued.*		
	UPPER ORMOND Barony—*continued.*		
40.	The Parish of Balligibbon - - - - -	39.	
41.	- - - - Templederry - - - -	40.	The SW. addition partly loose.
42.	The greatest part of Templedonic and part of Kilkiery.	41.	The first part of Templedonie Parish lies in No. 38.; and the Abstract sheet of this Map is in No. 42.
43.	Part of the Parish of Kilkiery - - - -	42.	
44.	The Parish of Ballimaccloghie - - - -	43.	
45.	Part of the Parish of Kilroan - - - -	44.	The S. addition partly loose.
46.	The Parish of Lisbunny - - - - -	45.	
47.	- - - - Killeniffe - - - - -	46.	The N. addition partly loose, and pinned in; the S. addition, torn off, and slightly damaged, lies with the Map.
48.	- - - - Dullow - - - - -	47.	The S. addition partly loose.
49.	- - - - Kilmore - - - - -	48.	The S. addition torn off, and lying with the Map. Abstract damaged at bottom.
50.	Part of the Parish of Nenagh - - - -	49.	
51.	The Barony of LOWER ORMOND - - -	67.	This Map, with its Abstract sheet, damaged for want of binding.
	Parishes:		
52.	The Parish of Lorhoe - - - - -	51.	The SE. part torn off. The N. addition partly loose, and pinned in. A Memorandum pinned to Abstract sheet.
53.	The United Parishes of Durra and Bonocum, and part of Lorhoe.	52.	This Map has been torn, and repaired.
54.	The Parish of Loghkeene - - - - -	53.	
55.	- - - - Ballingarry - - - - -	54.	
56.	- - - - Eglish - - - - -	55.	
57.	- - - - Tiraglas - - - - -	56.	
58.	- - - - Uskean - - - - -	57.	
59.	- - - - Bores - - - - -	58.	
60.	- - - - Fenogh - - - - -	59.	
61.	- - - - Kilbaran - - - - -	60.	A Memorandum pinned to Abstract.
62.	- - - - Modereuhy - - - - -	61.	Abstract sheet torn.
63.	- - - - Ardcomy and part of Kilruan -	62.	
64.	- - - - Cloghprior - - - - -	63.	
65.	- - - - Killodiernan - - - -	64.	
66.	- - - - Knigh - - - - -	65.	
67.	The United Parishes of Musca and Dromoneire, and part of Nenagh.	66.	This Map is much damaged and torn at edges.

The Certificate of this Book has been pasted on back of Map of Fenor, No. 1. - The Index much damaged and torn. Binding very bad, and a few sheets at beginning and end damaged in consequence.

COUNTY OF TIPPERARY Burned Maps.

	The Barony of CLANWILLIAM.		
	Parishes:		
1.	The Parish of Curroge and the United Parishes of Templenoe and Doonegore.	A. 1.	The E. of Curroge and SE. of Templenoe, with the Scale and Title, burned off.
2.	The Parish of Tampulancry - - - -	D. 2.	The E. and N. with the Title, burned off.
3.	- - - - Templebridane, Emly, & Kilcorman	A. 3.	The S. & E. of Emly, and most part of Kilcorman, with the Title, burned off. Map much scorched.
4.	- - - - Kilshane and Cordangan - -	A. 4.	The SE. of Kilshane, and E. and S. of Cordangan, with Scale and Title, burned off.
5.	- - - - Religmurry - - - - -	A. 5.	The E. and S. and a small part of the W. with the Scale and Title, burned off. Map stained.
6.	- - - - Sollohoodbeg - - - -	A. 6.	Map much scorched; the SE. and S. sides, with Title and Points, burned off. No Abstract sheet.
7.	- - - - Sronill - - - - - -	A. 7.	Map much scorched; the N. and E. sides, with the Title, burned off.
8.	- - - - Lattin - - - - - -	A. 8.	Map - D^o - a small part of the N. and the S. and SE. with the Title, burned off. No Abstract.
9.	- - - - Donoghill and Kilmilkane - -	A. 9.	The SE. of Dunoghill, and the most part of Kilmilkane, with the Scale, Title and Points, burned off.
10.	- - - - Tipperary - - - - -	A. 10.	The N. and E. with Scale and Title, burned off. No Abstract sheet.
11.	- - - - Sollowhood - - - - -	A. 11.	The S. and SE. with Title and Points, burned.
12.	- - - - Bruis and Clonpett - - -	A. 13.	Map and Abstract much burned. The N. and E. sides, with Scale and Title, burned off.
13.	- - - - Clonbulloge and Killardiff - -	A. 14.	The NW. the E. and S. with the Title, burned off. There appears to have been a NW. addition, containing another part of Kildarriff, which is now wanting.
14.	- - - - Rathleyny - - - - -	A. 15.	Map and Abstract much burned. N. and NE. with the Title and Points, burned off.

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Catalogue of the MAPS of The Down Survey—*continued.*

No.	*Titles.*	*Office Mark.*	*Observations.*
	COUNTY OF TIPPERARY—*continued.*		
15.	The Half Barony of Eliogurty - - -	- -	The E. S. and W. sides, with the Scale and most of Title, burned.
	Parishes:		
16.	The Parish of Loghmore - - - - -	C. 1.	The SE. and SW. Bounds, with Points and Title, burned off.
17.	- - - - Thurles - - - - -	B. 2.	The S. SE. and most of the N. with the N. addition, partly burned; Scale wanting.—Note, This addition is marked in the Office List, A. N° 2.
18.	- - - - Burrishleagh - - - -	C. 3.	The S. and NE. with most of the Title, burned. Map soiled.
19.	- - - - Moyne - - - - - -	C. 4.	The E., with Scale, burned off. Map stained.
20.	- - - - Drumspernan - - - -	C. 5.	The SE. and part of Title burned. Map stained.
21.	- - - - Holycross and Bellacahill - -	C. 6.	A very small part of the S. of Holycross, with the Title, burned off. Map stained.
22.	- - - - Inchifogurty - - - -	C. 7.	The E., with Points, burned off. Map D°.
23.	- - - - Kilfihmone - - - - -	C. 8.	The S. and SE. burned off, with part of Title. Map stained.
24.	- - - - Cullabeg - - - - -	C. 9.	The E. with Scale, Points, and part of the Title, burned off.—Note, There is a small part of the N. of this Parish, which is coloured in Vallancey's Map, with the adjoining Parish of Lochmore.
25.	- - - - Balliomurrin - - - - -	A. 12.	The NE. the S. and SW. with Scale and Title, burnt. Map stained.
26.	- - - - Rahetty and Shian - - -	C. 13.	Map perfect, but stained. Scale and Title, burned off.
27.	- - - - Templemore - - - - -	B. 14.	The SE, with Scale and Title, burned off.
28.	- - - - Mokearry - - - - -	16.	The E. the S. & W. with Scale and Title, burned.
29.	The Half Barony of Ikerrin - - - -	- -	The SE., with Title, burned off. Abstract sheet wanting.
	Parishes:		
30.	The Parish of Castletown - - - -	C. 10.	The S. & SW. and NW. with the Scale and Title, burned off; and a piece, torn out of the W. side of Map, lies pinned to it.—Note, Vallancey's Copy differs from this and the Baronial Map, by making it a part of the Parish of Rathmoveage, N° 38. this Barony.
31.	- - - - Killovinoge - - -	C. 11.	The N. the E. and the S., with Scale and Title, burned off: No Abstract. Map dirty.
32.	- - - - Templetoohow - - - -	C. 15.	The SE. with Scale, and part of Title, burned off. Map soiled.
33.	- - - - Templemore - - - -	A. 17.	The N. side, with Scale and part of Title, burned; a S. addition wanting. No Abstract sheet. Map dirty.
34.	- - - - Templeree - - - - -	18.	The N. and E., with Scale and Title, burned off. Abstract sheet wanting.
35.	- - - - Corbally - - - - -	B. 19.	The E. and N., with Scale and most of Title, burned off.—Note, A detached part of this Parish lies within the Parish of Roscrea, and is coloured in Vallancey's Copy, as part thereof.
36.	- - - - Roscrea - - - - -	A. 20.	The S. part, with the Scale and most of Title, burned off.
37.	- - - - Burrine - - - -	B. 21.	The SW., with part of Title, burned.
38.	- - - - Rathmoveage - - - -	22.	A very small part of the S., with Scale, and part of the Title, burned off.
39.	The Barony of Middlethird - - - -	- -	The N. and NE., with the Scale and Title, and Points, burned off. No Abstract.
	Parishes:		
40.	The Parishes of Crumpsland and Coolemundri, with St. Augustine's Abbey.	B. N° 1.	The N. and E. of Crumpsland, the E. of Coolemundry, with the Scale and Title, burned off.
41.	Part of the Parish of Ballycleirahan, and the Parish of Red City.	C. 2.	The N. part of Red City, with most of Title, burned off.—Note, This Map and the Baronial Map differ from Vallancey's Copy, in which Ballycleirahan is called a part of Mooretown Parish, and Red City divided into the two denominations of Red City and Coolmine.
42.	The Parish of Rathcoole - - - - -	B. 3.	The N. and NE. with Scale, and most of the Title, burned off.
43.	- - - - Boytonrath and Dangandergan -	B. 4.	The E. and S. sides, with the Scale, burned.—Note, Dangandergan was in two parts; one is perfect, the other is partly burned.
44.	- - - - Cooleagh and St. Johnstown - -	B. 5.	A small part of the N. of S[t] Johnstown, and most of the Title, burned.
45.	- - - - Clony - - - - - -	B. 6.	The SE., with the Scale, burned off. Map stained.
46.	- - - - Pepperstown - - - -	B. 7.	A small part of the NE., with Scale and Title, burned off. Map stained.
47.	- - - - Mogerbane and Kilconnell - -	B. 8.	The S. side, with the Scale and Title, burned off. Map much scorched.

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No.	*Titles.*	*Office Mark.*	*Observations.*
	COUNTY OF TIPPERARY—*continued.*		
	The Barony of MIDDLETHIRD—*continued.*		
48.	The Parishes of Knockgrafford and Oughtera -	B. 9.	The NE. of Knockgrafford, with Title and Points, burned off.
49.	- - - - - Donoghmore and St. John Baptist Grange.	B. 10.	The N. of St. John's, with Scale and Title, burned off.
50.	The Parish of St. Patrick's - - - - -	B. 11.	The S. the W. & NE. with Scale and Title, burned off; a NE. addition a good deal burned, and pinned in.
51.	The Parishes of Magowny and Drangan - -	B. 12.	The N. & NE. of Drangan, with Scale and Title, burned off.
52.	The Parish of Moortownkirk - - - - -	B. 13.	The NE., with Title, burned off: See Note on No. 41.
53.	- - - - Kiltynane - - - - - -	C. 14.	The NE. with Scale, Points, and most of Title, burned off. Map scorched.
54.	- - - - Ardmayle - - - - - -	B. 15.	The N. part, with Scale and Title, burned off. Map dirty.
55.	The Parishes of Holycross and Gale - - -	B. 17.	Scale and Title burned off. Map perfect, but soiled.
56.	- - - - - Ballyshyane and Erry - -	A. 19.	The N. and W. with Scale and Title, burned off.
57.	Part of the Parish of Ballinure - - - -	B. 20.	This fragment is without a name. But on looking into the Book of Survey in the Auditor General's Office, it appears to be part of the Parish of Ballinure, in Middlethird Barony; and as there are no denominations in it but the one, viz. Grallagh, it appears to be a piece which runs between the Baronies of Middlethird and Slevardagh; and on referring to the Maps, this seems to be corroborated. It does not however appear to be marked on Vallancey's Copy at all; and the corresponding Barony Map is burned in that part.
58.	- - - - - - - - Tullaghmayne - - -	A. 21.	The NW. N. & S. sides, with Scale, Title and Points, burned off.

Note. The burned Maps of this County are in general in bad order, being for the most part very much burned and scorched: Some few have been pasted down on blank paper, in order to preserve them. The Certificate, Title, and Index to the Book, wanting.

Note. The following Abstract sheets lie in the Drawer, the Maps belonging to which are not to be found, viz. Part of the Parish of Aghnemedull, in Ikerrin Barony; the Parish of Bearnane, in D°; and a small part of the Parish of St. John of Cashell, in Middlethird Barony.

COUNTY OF TYRONE: Part of one Book.

1.	The Barony of DUNGANNON - - - - -	27.	
	Parishes:		
2.	The Parishes of Lissan, Derriloran and Killdresse -	20.	
3.	- - - - - Ballidoge, Artrea, Ballinderry and Arbo.	21.	
4.	- - - - - Desertcreagh, Donaghhenry, Cunio and Tulliskan.	22.	
5.	- - - - - Donaghmore and Drumglas -	23.	
6.	The Glebe Land in the Parishes of Clonfickle and Killaman, and the forfeited part of Carnatele.	24.	
7.	The Church Lands in the Parish of Carntele, Aghavowe and Killishel, and the forfeited parts of Killishel and Aghavow.	25.	
8.	The forfeited part of Clonfickle, and part of Aghalow or Aghavow.	26.	
9.	The Barony of STRABANE - - - - -	32.	
	Parishes:		
10.	The Church Lands in the Parish of Ardstragh -	28.	
11.	- D° - in the Parishes of Cappy and Bodony -	29.	
12.	- D° - in Camos, Urnie and Leckepatrick -	30.	
13.	- D° - in forfeited Lands in the Parish of Donoghkiddy.	31.	
14.	The Barony of OMY - - - - - - -	39.	
	Parishes:		
15.	The Church Land in the Parish of Tarmonmagorke	33.	
16.	- D° - - - in the Parish of Dronaragh -	34.	
17.	The escheated Lands in the Parishes of Drummoore and Kilskerry.	35.	
18.	The Church Lands in the Parishes of Maghericross and Urnie.	36.	
19.	- D° - in the Parish of Tarmonomongan - -	37.	
20.	- D° - in the Parish of Longfield - - -	38.	
21.	The Barony of CLOGHER - - - - -	40.	Note. This Barony only contains the Boundary, without the Subdivision into Parishes.

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No.	Titles.	Office Mark.	Observations.
	COUNTY OF WATERFORD: One Book.		
1.	The Barony of GALTIER - - - - -	6.	
	Parishes:		
2.	The Parishes of Kill St. Laurence, Bishop's Court, and Ballimakill.	1.	
3.	- - - - Balligunnertemple and Fathbeg -	2.	
4.	- - - - Kill St. Nicholas and Crooks -	3.	
5.	- - - - Killea and Killmacombe - -	4.	
6.	- - - - Rathmelan and Ballimaccleag -	5.	
7.	The Barony of MIDDLETHIRD - - - -	16.	
	Parishes:		
8.	The Parish of Drumcannon - - - -	7.	
9.	- - - - Ilandicane - - - - -	8.	
10.	- - - - Reiske - - - - -	9.	
11.	- - - - Kilbride - - - - -	10.	
12.	- - - - Kilroanan, Killotteran, Killburan, and Ballycashin.	11.	
13.	- - - - Loughdahy and Lisnekilly - -	12.	
14.	- - - - Kilmeaden - - - - -	13.	
15.	- - - - Newcastle - - - - -	14.	
16.	- - - - Donhill - - - - -	15.	
17.	The Barony of UPPERTHIRD - - - -	25.	
	Parishes:		
18.	The Parish of Kilbarrimeaden - - - -	17.	
19.	- - - - Munecksland and part of Rossmeere	18.	
20.	- - - - Ballylankeene - - - -	19.	
21.	- - - - Mothill - - - - -	20.	The S. & E. additions of this Map torn & damaged.
22.	- - - - Rathgormucke - - - -	21.	
23.	- - - - Desert and Glasspatrick, alias Coolesheelane.	22.	One half of this Map loose, and lying in the Book; the N. part slightly torn.
24.	- - - - Fenogh and Clonegaune - -	23.	
25.	The Division of Coolefine and Gilcah - -	24.	
26.	The Barony of GLANEYHERY - - - -	28.	
	Parishes:		
27.	The Parish of Abbyslunagh, and the Commons of Clonmell.	26.	The W. addition slightly torn.
28.	- - - - Kilronan - - - - -	27.	

Note.—There lies, in the beginning of this Book, a fragment of a Map of part of the County Waterford, indorsed in a modern hand, "The Barony of Coshmore and Coshbride." The Index and Certificate to this Book are a little damaged. The Binding is bad.

	COUNTY WESTMEATH: Volume I.		
1.	The Barony of FARHILL - - - -	1.	This Map has been lined on the back, and two pieces cut out, apparently by tracing. The descriptive sheets damaged and torn.
2.	The Barony of DELVIN - - - - -	9.	The W. addition a little damaged.
	Parishes:		
3.	The Parish of Killuah - - - - -	2.	
4.	The greater part of Castletown Parish - - -	3.	Map slightly torn.
5.	The lesser part of - D° - - - - -	4.	
6.	The Parish of Kilvollogh - - - - -	5.	
7.	- - - - Killagh - - - - -	6.	
8.	- - - - Kilcumny - - - - -	7.	The N. addition loose, and the W. addition worn out a little at edge.
9.	Part of Clonarly Parish - - - - -	8.	
10.	The Barony of MOYCASHELL & MAGHEREDERNON - - - - -	15.	This Map torn across.
	Parishes:		
11.	The Parish of Newtown - - - - -	10.	The margin of this Map has been written on and erased.
12.	- - - - Rathue - - - - -	11.	
13.	- - - - Killcrumriagh - - - -	12.	
14.	- - - - Ardnorcher - - - - -	13.	The S. addition a little torn.
15.	- - - - Castletown - - - - -	14.	- D° - - a little damaged.
16.	The Barony of CLONLONAN - - - -	19.	
	Parishes:		
17.	The Parishes of Killmonaghan & Killorumraghragh	16.	
18.	- - - - Ballylaughlow - - - -	17.	Descriptive sheet slightly torn.
19.	- - - - Killcleagh - - - - -	18.	Map slightly torn at edges.

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No.	*Titles.*	*Office Mark.*	*Observations.*
	COUNTY OF WESTMEATH—*continued.*		
	BRAWNY Territory:		
20.	The Territory of Brawney, and Lands of Moydrum	20.	The Abstract sheet of this Map torn, and pinned in; and the Map and its Reference turned upside down in the binding.
21.	The Barony of CORKEREE - - - -	28.	This Map torn across.
	Parishes:		
22.	The Parish of Taghmon - - - - -	21.	The W. addition a little damaged and torn.
23.	- - - - Leny and Tyfarnan - - -	22.	
24.	- - - - Portneshagan - - - -	23.	
25.	- - - - Portloman - - - - -	24.	
26.	- - - - Lacken - - - - -	25.	
27.	- - - - Multifarnan - - - - -	26.	
28.	- - - - Stonehall - - - - -	27.	
29.	The Barony of MOYGOISH - - - -	35.	This Map a good deal crumpled. The S. addition torn off, and pinned in.
	Parishes:		
30.	The Parish of Kilbixy - - - - -	29.	
31.	- - - - Templeorane - - - -	30.	
32.	- - - - Kilmackinnan - - - -	31.	
33.	- - - - Russagh - - - - -	32.	
34.	- - - - Streete - - - - -	33.	The Abstract sheet a little torn.
35.	- - - - Rathaspick - - - - -	34.	

The Certificate and Index very much damaged and torn. Binding very bad.

COUNTY OF WESTMEATH; VOL. II.

1.	The Barony of KILKENNY WEST - - -	5.	
	Parishes:		
2.	The Parish of Noghevale - - - - -	1.	This Map and its Abstract sheet a good deal damaged and torn.
3.	- - - - Drumrany - - - - -	2.	Map torn across; edges much damaged.
4.	- - - - Kilkenny - - - - -	3.	The N. addition torn off, and pinned in.
5.	- - - - Bunowen - - - - -	4.	
6.	The Barony of RATHCONRATH - - - -	13.	
	Parishes:		
7.	The Parish of Ratheonrath - - - - -	6.	
8.	- - - - Churchtown and Conry - - -	7.	The W. addition partly loose.
9.	- - - - Ballimore - - - - -	8.	The N. - - d° - - d°.
10.	- - - - Templepatrick - - - -	9.	
11.	- - - - Killare - - - - -	10.	
12.	- - - - Ballimorin - - - - -	11.	The S. addition loose, and pinned in.
13.	- - - - Piercetown - - - - -	12.	
14.	The Barony of MOYASHELL & MAGHEREDERNON	17.	This Map and its Abstract sheet damaged at the edges.
	Parishes:		
15.	The Parish of Mullingar - - - - -	14.	The center of this Map burned, and pasted on back. The Abstract torn and damaged.
16.	- - - - Raconnell - - - - -	15.	
17.	- - - - Dysert - - - - -	16.	
18.	The Barony of TURTULLAGH - - - -	23.	
	Parishes:		
19.	The Parish of Lyn, and part of Mullingar - -	18.	
20.	- - - - Enniscoffy - - - - -	19.	
21.	- - - - Castlelost and Pace-Killbride -	20.	The W. addition loose, and pinned in.
22.	- - - - Newtown and Clonfadda - -	21.	
23.	- - - - Carricke, Moylesker and Kilbride -	22.	
24.	The Barony of FOORE alias DEMIFOORE - -	32.	
	Parishes:		
25.	The Parish of Foyran - - - - -	24.	
26.	- - - - St. Feighan - - - - -	25.	
27.	- - - - St. Mary's - - - - -	26.	
28.	- - - - Kilpatrick - - - - -	27.	
29.	- - - - Fashalstown - - - - -	28.	
30.	- - - - Maine - - - - -	29.	
31.	- - - - Rathgarve - - - - -	30.	
32.	- - - - Luckblea - - - - -	31.	

The Binding of this Volume very bad.

III. Report of the Sub-Comm^{rs} on the Surveyor General's Office.

Catalouge of Maps, Down Survey.

Catalogue of the MAPS of The Down Survey—*continued.*

No.	*Title.*	*Office Mark.*	*Observations.*
	COUNTY OF WEXFORD: One Book.		
1.	The Barony of SHEELBORNE - - - - -	88.	The Abstract sheet partly torn. Note. The following Parishes are missing, which appear by the Index to be in this Barony; viz. The Parishes of Whitehead and Ballibrazil, and Part of Carnagh, and Part of Dunbrodie; the Parishes of Kilmakea, Keneigh, Clamins, Feathard, Templetown, and Hooke.
2.	The Barony of BANTRY - - - - - -	8.	
	Parishes:		
3.	The Parishes of Clonmore, Killcowan & Ballikeoge	1.	
4.	- - - - - Whitechurch, Corleckan, and Downony.	2.	
5.	- - - - - Old Rosse and Adamstown -	3.	
6.	Parts of the Parishes of Whitechurch, Ballilane, and Carnagh.	4.	
7.	The Parishes of Templedican, Killany, and part of St. Molings.	5.	
8.	- - - - - Killegny, Chappell and Rosdrehid	6.	
9.	- - - - - New Ross, alias the Liberties of Rosse.	7.	
10.	The Barony of SHELMALIER - - - - -	28.	The Abstract very much torn, the parts pinned in.
	Parishes:		
11.	The Parishes of St. Margarets, Ardcollum, and part of Skreene.	9.	
12.	- - - - - Ardcavan - - - -	10.	
13.	- - - - - Arderoman - - - -	11.	
14.	- - - - - Kilpatrick - - - -	12.	
15.	- - - - - Ballineslaney - - - -	13.	
16.	- - - - - Takillen - - - - -	14.	
17.	- - - - - Carrigge - - - - -	15.	
18.	- - - - - Killbride, in two parcels - -	16.	The S. addition loose, and pinned.
19.	- - - - - Ardcanrush - - - -	17.	
20.	- - - - - Custuffe - - - - -	18.	
21.	- - - - - Taghmon - - - - -	19.	
22.	- - - - - Ballimittie and Ballingley - -	20.	
23.	- - - - - Ballilolan - - - - -	21.	
24.	- - - - - Inch and Clongeene, in two parcels.	22.	
25.	Part of Adamstown - - - - - - -	23.	
26.	The Parish of Kilgarran - - - - -	24.	The N. and W. addition loose.
27.	- - - - Horetown - - - - -	25.	
28.	- - - - Chappelcarran and Kelluringe -	26.	
29.	Part of St. John's, and Clonmore - - -	27.	
30.	The Barony of BARGIE - - - - - -	36.	The Abstract sheet slightly torn.
	Parishes:		
31.	The Parishes of Thomehagar and Kilturke - -	29.	
32.	- - - - - Kilmore and Kilcowan - -	30.	Note. This is entitled "Malrancan and Kilmore," which appears to be erroneous, as Malrancan is but a Boundary.
33.	- - - - - Malrancan and Killmenan - -	31.	
34.	- - - - - Ballicomick, Balligologh, and Ambrostown.	32.	The Abstract sheet torn across.
35.	- - - - - Duncormuck and Ballynagar -	33.	
36.	- - - - - Kilkevan, Carrig, and St. Imocks	34.	
37.	- - - - - Bannoe - - - - - -	35.	
38.	The Barony of FORTH - - - - - -	51.	The Abstract much torn, and part pinned in.
	Parishes:		
39.	The Parish of St. Peters - - - - -	37.	
40.	- - - - Rahaspicke - - - - -	38.	
41.	- - - - Killeane and Drinagh - - -	39.	Map slightly torn.
42.	- - - - Kilmackree and Rathmacknee -	40.	Map torn across.
43.	- - - - Kildevan - - - - -	41.	
44.	- - - - Maglass - - - - -	42.	The S. addition partly loose.
45.	- - - - Ballimore, part of Shartmond and part of Killinick.	43.	The E. addition loose, and pinned in; and one of the Abstracts loose, and damaged.

Catalogue of the MAPS of The DOWN SURVEY—*continued.*

No.	*Titles.*	*Office Mark.*	*Observations.*
	COUNTY OF WEXFORD—*continued.*		
	Barony of FORTH—*continued.*		
46.	The Parish of St. Michael's, Ballybrenan, and Killinicke.	44.	
47.	- - - - Kilscoran - - - - - -	45.	A part of the N. Boundary, extending to the edge of the Map, worn out.
48.	- - - - Tecumshine - - - - -	46.	E. addition lies loose with the Map.
49.	- - - - St. Iberious Island, and St. Margaret's	47.	
50.	- - - - Carne - - - - - - -	48.	
51.	- - - - St. Ellen's, and Kilrane - - -	49.	Abstract of St. Ellen's loose.
52.	- - - - Roslahir - - - - - -	50.	Map torn across and damaged.
53.	The Barony of SCARWELSH.		
	Parishes:		
54.	The Parishes of Cloyne and Fernes - - -	52.	
55.	- - - - Kilrush, and part of Carnowe - -	53.	
56.	- - - - Macoyne - - - - - -	54.	
57.	- - - - Templeshanuogh - - - -	55.	This Map stained; and the Abstract torn and damaged, but repaired.
58.	The Barony of BALLAGHEEN - - - -	77.	Abstract slightly torn; and a N. addition loose, and pinned in.
	Parishes:		
59.	The Parish of Kilmocrish and part of Killancomy	57.	Map torn.
60.	Part of Killancomy and part of Killenamanagh.	58.	D°; and a W. addition to Killancomy appears torn off, and missing.
61.	The Parish of Ballivalden - - - - -	59.	E. addition partly loose.
62.	- - - - Ballevalloe and part of St. Margaret's	60.	
63.	- - - - Arddemaine - - - - - -	61.	
64.	- - - - Killenagh - - - - - -	62.	
65.	- - - - Donoghmore - - - - -	63.	
66.	- - - - Monnemoling - - - - -	64.	
67.	Part of Kilnemanagh - - - - - -	65.	
68.	The Parish of Milicnagh - - - - -	66.	Map torn.
69.	- - - - Killilly - - - - - -	67.	There appears to have been a N. addition to this Map, which is now wanting.
70.	- - - - Castle Ellish - - - - -	68.	S. addition loose, and pinned in.
71.	- - - - Kilcormock - - - - - -	69.	
72.	The Parishes of Skreene and Nicholas - -	70.	
73.	- - - - Killiske - - - - - -	71.	
74.	- - - - Kilnallocke - - - - - -	72.	
75.	- - - - Balleslane - - - - - -	73.	
76.	- - - - Edermine - - - - - -	74.	
77.	- - - - Ballihaskart - - - - - -	75.	
78.	- - - - Templeshannon - - - - -	76.	
79.	The Barony of GORY - - - - - -	87.	Map and Abstract loose, torn at the edges, and damaged.
	Parishes:		
80.	The Half Parishes of Monemolin and Kiltriske -	78.	
81.	The Parish of Ballyconnowe - - - - -	79.	
82.	- - - - Liskin, Killmaclogue, and part of Toome.	80.	
83.	- - - - Killcormuck - - - - - -	81.	S. addition torn off, and pinned in.
84.	- - - - Kilkeavan and Killgorman - - -	82.	
85.	The forfeited part of Killenor - - - -	83.	
86.	The Half Parish of Arklow, and the Parish of Inch.	84.	The S. and SE. additions damaged and torn; and Abstract loose, and torn across.
87.	The Parish of Rosmenoge, and part of Toome -	85.	Map and Abstract loose, torn at edges, and damaged.
88.	- - - - Killenhue - - - - - -	86.	D° - - - - - D°.

The Index to this Book loose, damaged and torn: a Remnant of the Certificate has been pasted in, on the Abstract sheet of the Parish of Ballybrazill; and several other Maps, both at the beginning and end, much damaged for want of binding, the Covers being off.

III. Report of the Sub-Comm^{rs} on the Surveyor General's Office.

Catalogue of Maps, DownSurvey.

Catalogue of the MAPS of The DOWN SURVEY—*continued.*

No.	*Titles.*	*Office Mark.*	*Observations.*
	COUNTY OF WICKLOW: Part of one Book.		
1.	The Half Barony of RATHDOWN - - -	1.	This Map and its Abstract sheet have been re-repaired, and pasted in.
2.	The Barony of NEWCASTLE - - - -	5.	The N. Boundary wanting, and the Abstract sheet torn.
	Parishes:		
3.	Part of the Parishes of Delling, Kilcoole and Newcastle.	2.	
4.	- D° - of the Parishes of Newragh and Killiskee -	3.	The NW. Boundary has been cut off by the Binder.
5.	- D° - of the Parishes of Wicklow, Clonelly and Dellalosery.	4.	
6.	The Barony of ARKLOW - - - - -	15.	
	Parishes:		
7.	The Parish of Kilcomin - - - - -	6.	
8.	- - - - Kilmachooc and Radrum - -	7.	The NW. addition of this Map partly loose.
9.	- - - - Clauilee - - - - -	8.	The W. addition partly loose, and torn.
10.	- - - - Wicklow and Killpoole - -	9.	
11.	- - - - Enishboyne - - - - -	10.	
12.	- - - - Balledonnell - - - -	11.	
13.	- - - - Castle Mc Adams - - - -	12.	
14.	- - - - Templemichel - - - -	13.	
15.	- - - - Newrille, and the Abbey Land of Arklow.	14.	
16.	The Barony of BALLINECUR - - - -	19.	The N. addition partly loose, and damaged.
	Parishes:		
17.	The Parish of Killdalogh - - - - -	16.	
18.	- - - - Rathdrum - - - - -	17.	
19.	Part of Kilpipe and Hacketstown - - -	18.	
20.	The Barony of TALBOTSTOWN - - - -	23.	
	Parishes:		
21.	The Lordship of Castlesallogh, Talbotstown and Baltinglas.	20.	
22.	The Bishop's Lordship, the Lordship of Boyestown and Holywood, and the Parish of Burgage, and part of the Parish of Ballibough.	21.	
23.	The Parish of Kilbride, and the Lordship of the Three Castles.	22.	

Note. The Binding of this Book in bad order. The Index torn, pasted down on a blank sheet, and copied on another. The Certificate is lost.

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Catalogue of Vallancey's Maps.

BARONY MAPS,

Copied by General VALLANCEY *from the Originals, in Paris, which were taken by a French Privateer, in a Vessel bound to England.*

N.B. The Numbers annexed to Provinces and Counties, are not intended to designate Maps, but Sheets containing the Titles only.—These Maps are in high Preservation, and are a valuable Substitute for the Maps of the DOWN SURVEY burned in 1711.

VOLUME I.

The Title page of Vol. I, much damaged at the edges, and torn.

1. ULSTER Province:
2. DUNNEGAL County;
3. The Barony of Ennishowen.
4. - - - - - Kilmacreenan.
5. - - - - - Raphoe.
6. - - - - - Boylagh and Bannagh.
7. - - - - - Tyrehugh.
8. LONDONDERRY County:
9. Liberties of the Town of Coleraine.
10. Barony of Coleraine.
11. - - - Kenoght.
12. - - - Tyrkerin.
13. - - - Loghinsholin.
14. ANTRIM County:
15. Barony of Carie.
16. - - - Dunluce.
17. - - - Kilconway.
18. - - - Glenarme.
19. - - - Antrim.
20. - - - Toome.
21. - - - Belfast.
22. - - - Massareene.
23. The County Palatine of Carickfergus,
24. TYRONE County:
25. Barony of Strabane
26. - - - Omah, or Omy.
27. - - - Dungannon,
28. DOWNE County:
29. Barony of Ards.
30. - - - Lecale
31. - - - Kinalearty.
32. - - - Lower Eveagh.
33. - - - Upper Eveagh.
34. MONAGHAN County:
35. Barony of Trough.
36. - - - Monaghan.
37. - - - Dartry.
38. - - - Cremorne.
39. ARDMAGH County:
40. Barony of O'Nealand.
41. - - - Ardmagh.
42. - - - Towrany.
43. - - - Fewes.
44. - - - Oryer, or Orior.
45. FERMANAGH County:
46. Barony of Maghereboy.
47. - - - Magherestephana,
48. - - - Clanawly.
49. CAVAN County:
50. The Barony of Tullaghagh.
51. The Parishes of Killasandra and Killdallan, in Half Barony Tullaghononho.
52. The Barony of Loghtee.
53. - - - - Tullaghgarvy.
54. - - - - Clonehy, or Clonchy.
55. - - - - Castleraghan.
56. - - - - Clonmoghan.
57. MUNSTER Province:
58. CLARE County:
59. The Barony of Corcumroe.
60. - - - - Bunratty.
61. - - - - Moyfertagh, or Moyfarto,
62. LIMERICK County:
63. The North Liberties of Limerick, in the Barony of Bunratty, and Parishes of Kilely & St. Munthin.
64. The Liberties of the City of Limerick.
65. The Barony of Clanwilliam
66. - - - Abbey Oughtheny beg
67. - - - - Connagh.
68. - - - - Small County.
69. - - - - Poblebryan.
70. - - - - Kenry.
71. - - - - Connello.
72. - - - - Coshma.
73. Killmallock Liberties.
74. The Barony of Coshlea.
75. TIPPERARY County:
76. The Barony of Lower Ormond.
77. - - - - Upper Ormond.
78. - - - - Owny and Arra.
79. Killnelongurty Territory.
80. Illeagh Territory.
81. Half Barony of Ikerin.
82. - - Dº - - Elleogurty.
83. The Barony of Slevardagh and Compsey.
84. - - - - Middlethird.
85. - - - - Killnemanagh.
86. - - - - Clanwilliam.
87. - - - - Iffa and Offa.
88. WATERFORD County:
89. The Barony of Gualtier.
90. Waterford Liberties.
91. The Barony of Middlethird.
92. - - - - Upperthird.
93. - - - - Glanehery.
94. - - - - Decies.
95. - - - - Coshmore and Coshbride.
96. CORK County:
97. Barony of Duhallow.
98. - - - Orrery and Kilmore.
99. - - - Armoy, alias Fermoy, and Liberties of Mallo annexed thereto.
100. - - - Condons and Clangibbon.
101. - - - Killnatallone.
102. - - - Imokilly.
103. - - - Barrimore.
104. Cork Liberties.
105. Barony of Barrets.
106. - - - Kerricurrihy and Kinalea.
107. - - - Muskerry.
108. - - - Kinealmeaky.
109. Kinsale Liberties.
110. The Barony of Coursey, and part of the Liberties of Kinsale.
111. The Barony of Carbury and Ibaune.
112. - - - - Beare and Bantry.
113. - - - - Barriro.

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Catalogue of Vallancey's Maps.

BARONY MAPS, copied by General VALLANCEY—*continued.*

114. KERRY County:
115. Barony of Iraghticonnor.
116. - - - Clanmorris.
117. - - - Corkaguiny.
118. - - - Trughanacknv. (This Map much blotted with Ink.)
119. Barony of Magunnihy.
120. - - - Glanneroughty.
121. - - - Dunkerone.
122. - - - Iveragh.

VOLUME II.

The edges of the Title damaged and torn.

1. LEINSTER Province:
2. LOUTH County:
3. Barony of Dundalk.
4. - - - Louth.
5. - - - Atherdee.
6. - - - Ferrard.
7. DUBLIN County:
8. Barony of Balrudery.
9. - - - Nethercross.
10. - - - Castleknock.
11. - - - Coolock.
12. - - - Newcastle and Uppercross.
13. - - - Half Rathdowne.
14. - - - Upper Cross.
15. EAST MEATH:
16. Barony of Slaine.
17. - - - Morgallon.
18. - - - Kells.
19. - - - Half Foore.
20. - - - Lune.
21. - - - Navan.
22. - - - Duleeke.
23. - - - Skreene.
24. - - - Ratoath.
25. - - - Dunboyne.
26. - - - Deece.
27. - - - Moyfenragh.
28. WESTMEATH County:
29. Barony of Half Foor.
30. - - - Moygoish.
31. - - - Corkery.
32. - - - Delvin.
33. - - - Moyashill and Magheredernon.
34. - - - Farbill.
35. - - - Fortullagh.
36. - - - Moycashell.
37. - - - Ratheonrath.
38. - - - Kilkenny, West.
39. Territory of Brawney.
40. Barony of Clonlonan.
41. LONGFORD County:
42. Barony of Longford.
43. - - - Granard.
44. - - - Ardagh.
45. - - - Moydow.
46. - - Rathlin.
47. - - - Abbyshrewle.
48. KING's County:
49. Barony of Garricastle.
50. - - - Eglish, alias Fercale.
51. - - - Balliboy.
52. - - - Ballycowen.
53. - - - Killcoursey.
54. - - - Geshill (wanting.)
55. - - - Phillipstowne.
56. - - - Warrenstowne.
57 - - - Coolestowne.
58. - - - Ballybritt.
59. - - - Clonliskin.
60. QUEEN's County:
61. Barony of Portnehinch.
62. - - - Tenehinch.
63. - - - Upper Ossory.
64. - - - Maryborough.
65. - - - Stradbally.
66. Barony of Balliaddams.
67. - - - Cullinagh.
68. - - - Slewmargie.
69. KILDARE County:
70. Barony of Carbury.
71. - - - Ikeathy and Oughtereny.
72. - - - Salt.
73. - - - Naas.
74. - - - Claine.
75. - - - Great Connell.
76. - - - Ophaly.
77. - - - Norragh and Rabane.
78. - - - Half Kilcullen.
79. - - - Killeah and Moone.
80. WICKLOW County:
81. Barony of Half Rathdown.
82. - - - Talbotstowne.
83. - - - Ballinecurr.
84. - - - Newcastle.
85. - - - Arklow.
86 CATHERLOGH County:
87 Barony of Ravilly.
88. - - - Catherlogh.
89. - - - Forth, and part of St. Mullins.
90. - - - Idronie.
91. - - - Part of St. Mullins.
92. KILKENNY County:
93. Barony of Fassadining.
94. - - - Gulmoy.
95. - - - Crannagh.
96. - - - Kilkenny Liberties.
97. - - - Gowran.
98. - - - Sheelelogher.
99. - - - Callen Liberties.
100. - - - Kells.
101. - - - Knocktopher.
102. - - - Iverke.
103. - - - Ida, Igrin, and Ibercon.
104. WEXFORD County:
105. Barony of Gory.
106. - - - Scarwelch.
107. - - - Ballaghgeene.
108. - - - Bantry.
109. - - Sheelmalier.
110. - - - Sheelburne.
111. - - - Bargie.
112. - - - Forth.
113. CONNAUGHT Province:
114. LEITRIM County:
115. Barony of Rosclogher.
116. - - - Drumaheir.
117. - - - Leitrim.
118. - - - Carrigallen.
119. - - - Moyhill.
120. SLIGO County:
121. Barony of Carbury.
122. - - - Tirreril.
123. - - - Corran.
124. - - - Coolavin (wanting.)
125. - - - Tirreragh.
126. - - - Leyny.
127. MAYO County:
128. Barony of Tirrawly. (Map soiled.)

III. Report of the Sub-Commrs on the Surveyor General's Office.

Catalogue of Chancery and Exchequer Maps.

MAPS OF LANDS,

Surveyed by order of the Courts of CHANCERY *and* EXCHEQUER.

Counties.	*Baronies.*	*Parishes.*	*Denominations.*
CLARE	Tullogh		Bunvory, &c. with its Papers annexed.
CLARE			Knockacluggin, Knockmoncstragh &c. with the Papers thereunto belonging.
CORK			Ballymountain and Knockanroe: no Papers.
D°	Duhallow	Killmean	Pobbleokeeffe, with its Papers.
D°	Barrimore	Ardnogehee	Glanprehane, with D°.
D°	D°		Lackandarragh, &c. with D°.
D°	Roscarbry	Drenagh	Courelicky and Cappagh, with D°.
DUBLIN	Coolock	Glasnevin	Darling Hill.
D°			Stackumny, with its Papers.
D°			Donade, Edw[d] Donnelly's Farm, D°.
D°	Newcastle	Clondalkin	Baldonell, and part of Commons of Saggart.
DUBLIN CITY	City Liberties		A lot of Ground on Blind Quay, with D°.
GALWAY	Kiltarton	Beagh	Cahirbryan, Carrowgarruff, &c. D°.
D°	Killconnell		Crosmacrin, &c. Rahally.
D°	Athenree Liberties		Mullpit, Clorane, &c. with Papers.
D°			Killynadeema, &c. with D°.
KING'S COUNTY	Balliboy	Balliboy	Ballylonin, &c.: no Papers.
KERRY	Iraghticonnor		Carhunconelagh and Subdenominations, with Papers.
D° - and LIMERICK			Lands in dispute between said Counties, with Papers.
LIMERICK			Ranorhenne, &c.—three Cart[s].
D°	Coonagh		Lisnakelly.
D°	Small County	Manisternenagh	Camas; with a Duplicate.
LEITRIM			Headford, Lougherrill, &c. with Papers.
ROSCOMMON			Killbride, &c. with Papers.
D°			Ballywilliam: no Papers.
D°	Athlone		Tullyroe, - - D°.
LONGFORD	Ardagh	Mastrim	Mastrim, Aghadonogh, with Papers.
D°	Longford		Ryne, with - D°.
MAYO	Kilmain	Kilmain	Shruel, with - D°.
D°			Another Survey of Shruel.
MEATH	Moyfenra	Rathcoor	Clonguffin, with Papers annexed.
D°	Kells		Lackmelsh.
			Heartstown.
D°	Kells	Donoghpatrick	Gibbstown.
D°	Duleeke		Roughgrange.
			Ballyhenesy and Garrynamona.
QUEEN'S COUNTY	Portnahinch	Lea and Coolbanagh	Part of said Parishes, containing the mearing line between them.
			Nodstown.
TIPPERARY	Middlethird	Kilternan	Kiltinan and Clare, with Papers.
D°			Gortlassobrien, alias Kilglassobrien.
D°	Middlethird		Clorane.
WATERFORD	Glanahery		Drumgory; with Duplicate.
WEXFORD	Scarwalsh	Templeshanvogh	Cloroge, &c.
D°	Bantry	Adamstown	Rahancollogh.
WESTMEATH	Corkaree	Lackan	Lackan, with Papers.
D°	Moyashell and Magheredernon	Disart	Rathnemoda.
WICKLOW	Talbotstown	Dunamore	Castlerudery and Newtown: no Papers.
D°	D°	D° and Kellanelagh	Eadstown, &c. - - - - D°.

APPENDIX.

LIST OF MISCELLANEOUS BOOKS AND PAPERS,

IN THE SURVEYOR GENERAL'S OFFICE.

1. A DESCRIPTION of the Lead or Silver Works of Knockanderisk, in the Barony of Upper Ormond, County of Tipperary; with Maps.

2. A Book of Reference to the Barony of Eliogurty, County of Tipperary; containing a general Description of the Barony, the Proprietors' Names, the number of Acres profitable and unprofitable: with an Index.

3. D° - to the Baronies of Tyrawly and Gallen, County of Mayo.

4. A Book of Quit Rents of the County of Roscommon; containing the Proprietors' Names, Denominations, Number of Acres Irish and English, of the forfeited Lands, together with the Value of said Lands in 1659.

5. A Rent Roll of Lands, Houses, Impropriate Tithes, &c. in the Counties of Leitrim, Roscommon, and Sligo, 1657.

6. Londonderry, Donnegal, and Tyrone, 1657. These Books contain also an Abstract of the several branches of the Revenue in the said Counties, for the year 1657.

7. An Abstract of the Names of all such Irish as had Decrees granted them by the late Court of Claims and Qualifications att Athlone, as alsoe the quantitie of Lands claymed, and whatt was allowed them by such Decrees.

8. A Book of Orders in Council 1656. This Book, being unfinished, was used for other purposes, and contains an Alphabet of the several Persons decreed innocent by the Commissioners for executing the Act of Settlement; also, an Alphabet of the original Report made on the Claims of Souldiers and Adventurers.

9. A Book of Orders of Council (marked N° 2.) 1650, 1 & 2.—1656 to 1658.

10. A Book of Report to the Commissioners for executing his Majesty's gracious Declaration anno 1661.

11. A Book, dated 1663, appearing to be brief Memoranda of the Decisions of the Court of Claims.

12. A Book of Assessment for the several Towns and Lands in the County of East Meath, 1657 & 8.

13. A Booke containing the Number of Ploughlands, Castles, Mills, Fishings, Subdivisions, and respective Proprietors, in the County of Westmeath, with the Yearly Value of the said Lands severally, in the year 1641; and also all Dowers, Jointures, Mortgages, and other second Interests contiguously, dated 1653.—Note: This is an original Book, containing the Signatures of the Commissioners, and is burned at the edges.

14. Three lots of Papers, being Copies of parts of the Civil Survey;—one D°, Gross Survey;—two D°, Strafford Survey.

15. A lot of Papers respecting the Distribution of forfeited Lands in 1641.

16. A lot of Memorials and other Papers* relating to the Surveyor General's Office.

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* Among these Papers, the following deserve particular notice:—

Two Drafts of Memorials addressed to King George I. from William Molesworth, his Majesty's Surveyor General, stating the Fire which happened in the Council Office, and burned Memorialist's Office, with part of the Maps, Surveys, &c. &c. and praying for an increase of salary, to enable him to employ a sufficient number of Clerks to transcribe and put in order the Records which were saved, &c.

A Summons, signed "Charles Donelan, Dep. Cl. Parl." dated the 14th September 1719, requiring Mr. Molesworth, Surveyor General, the Auditor General, the Chief and Second Remembrancers of the Court of Exchequer, and others, to appear personally before th Lords' Committee appointed to inspect the several Offices of Record in this Kingdom.

A Paper, entitled, "Enquiries to be made in the Rolls Office," viz. 1. Of what nature the Records are which are lodged in your Office?—2. Whether secure from rain or dust?—3. If in presses, and who finds the presses?—4. How ranged?—5. Who is obliged to range them?—6. If room enough; and if not, how and by whom to be provided?—7. Are there Repertories or Indexes to the Records, and who obliged to compose them?—8. What ancient Books, their names and nature?—9. As to the Irish Acts of Parliament, and the duty of enrolling them?—10. As to Inquisitions, and how enrolled?—11. Are any Courts or Offices to return their proceedings to the Rolls Office?—12. What Courts or Offices?—13. How many employed in the Office, and have recourse to the Records; and are all sworn?—14. What attendance usually given?—15. Who has a right to send for original Records, and the practice in such cases?—16 Are written memorandums kept of such Records sent out?—17. Have any Records been lost, and how?

The above list of Queries, though not addressed to the Surveyor General's Office, seems to be similar to those which produced the following Answer, which also appears amongst these papers:

"The Answer of His Majesty's Surveyor General of Lands, to the Enquiries of the Right Honourable the Lords Committee for inspecting "the several Offices of Record in this Kingdom:

"To 1st Query.—Says, his Office is an ancient Office of Record, wherein all the Maps of Land, Surveys, Books of Distribution, "Claims, Reports, Decrees, Final Settlements, Inquisitions, and Surveys taken upon the dissolution of Abbies and Monasteries in "Ireland,

17. An ACCOUNT of the Books and Papers saved after the Fire in 1711; viz.

The humble Representation of Dr Richard Stone, her Maties Surveyor General of Lands in Ireland.

That the said Doctor having sorted all the Books and Papers that could be saved out of the late fire, and drawn up a List thereof, did lay the same before the Lords Justices and Councell: And to the end that proper ways and means may be found for the repairing such a public loss, he doth think himself bound in duty to lay before this Honble House the following Representation and List of Books saved and lost out of her Maties Surveyor Gen^ls^ Office.

The said Office did chiefly consist in the following Surveys; viz.—The Strafford, Down, Civil, and Gross Surveys.—[*The rest of the page torn off.*]

The said Office consisted also in Books of Distribution, Claimes, Reports, Decrees, Finall Settlements, Inquistions, and Surveys taken upon the Dissolutions of Abbeys and Monasteries in Ireland; all which are likewise consumed (excepting some Reports and rough Books of Distribution, &c.) All which will appear by the following List:

DOWN SURVEY Books saved.

1 Book: County of Ardmagh, containing the Baronies of Orier and Fewes; County of Down, containing the Baronies of Kinelearty, and Lower Eveagh; County of Tyrone, containing the Baronies of Dunganon, Strabane, Omagh, and Clogher.—[*The rest of the page torn off.*]

2 Books: County of Corke, containing the Baronies of Kerricurrihy, Kinnalea, East and West Carbury, Imokelly, Barrymore, South Liberties of Cork, North Liberties, Barony of Coursey, Kinsale Liberties, Baronies of Barriroe and Ibaune, Muskery, Baretts, Bear and Bantry.—1 Book: County of Dublin intire, containing the Baronies of Rathdown, Newcastle and Uppercross, Coolock, Castleknock, Nethercross, Ballruthery, Uppercross.—2 Books: County of Westmeath intire, containing the Baronies of Farbill, Delvin, Moycashell, Clonlonan, Brawney, Corkery, Moigoish, Kilkenny West, Ratheonrath, Moyeshell or Magheredernon, Furtullagh, Half Foor.—1 Book: County of Wexford intire, containing the

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" Ireland, are or ought to be kept, for recourse of his Majesty's Officers and others, in order to settle the limits and bounds of the " Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments of the Crown, and others deriving title under it.

" To 2d Query.—These Records are not in so good a state as the Surveyor General would have them, the house where they are kept " being very old and ruinous, rain and weather frequently penetrating the said Office, and the Records much damaged by the late Fire in " the Council Office. He has applied to his Grace the Lord Lieutenant, to acquaint him with the condition of said Office; praying, that " a place which has been appropriated, near his Majesty's Castle of Dublin, for keeping his said Office, may be finished; when he does " not doubt putting such of the said Records as have come to his hands, and remain undestroyed by the said fire, into good order.

" The Surveyor General craves leave to acquaint your Lordships, that there were formerly lodged in the said Office 31 Books of Maps " of the Down Survey, 18 of which are still extant in the said Office; the other 13 were either burned and destroyed in the late fire, " or so damaged that they are of little or no use to the public. There were likewise 56 rough draughts of the Books of Distribution, " formerly lodged in the said Office; of which there remain 43, the residue being either burned or damaged by the said fire. There " were likewise, formerly, the Strafford Civil and Gross Surveys lodged in the said Office; but these were entirely destroyed by the " fire, before this Respondent became concerned in the said Office.

" To 7th Query.—There are Indexes to the Books of Maps which are extant, by which recourse may be easily had to each Map; and " believes it the Surveyor General's duty, as well as interest, to make such Indexes.

" To 8th Query.—There are no other Books in the said Office, than what are mentioned in Answer to the first Query.

" To 9th & 10th Queries.—No answer, there being no Inquisitions in his Office.

" To 11th & 12th Queries.—No Courts of Justice are obliged to return to Surveyor General's Office, unless where and when there are " public Surveys for the advantage of the Kingdom.

" To 15th, 16th, 17th Queries.—The Courts of Justice have occasion for Records to be produced in Court, and is confident due care has " been on such occasions taken, that the Records should be safe. Believes that such Records of his Office as are now remaining, were " saved from the fire in the Council Office, near which the Surveyor General's Office was then kept, as this Deponent is credibly informed " and believes. Which Answers are humbly submitted."

Also, the Copy of a Letter, as follows:—

" MY LORD,

" THE Enquiry which your Grace is now making into the state and condition of the several Offices of this Kingdom being the result of " your Grace's fatherly care, &c. Your Grace is fully acquainted how requisite it is, to prevent contests between private families, that " the metes and bounds of men's properties should be known and ascertained in the most easy and peaceable manner possible. The " Down Survey, the Books of Distribution, and Reports of the Commissioners of the Court of Claims, whilst lodged in the proper " Office, were not only a speedy, but likewise a final means, of deciding all controversies which can arise between well-meaning " neighbours. But since the destruction of thirteen of those Books of the Down Survey, and the destruction of all the Strafford, Civil, " and Gross Surveys, and likewise of many of the Books of Distribution and Reports, the well-meaning Subjects of this Kingdom are " frequently drawn into suits and controversies on account of the metes and bounds of their respective properties; and have no other way " of deciding the same, but by the verdict of twelve men, of their neighbours, who are frequently misled by Irish evidence, who are " industrious to involve their Protestant neighbours into dispute of that kind, intentionally to sow dissension amongst Protestants, in " order to weaken our common interest, and endear such Papists to the parties they espouse: For remedy whereof, 'tis humbly pro- " posed to your Grace, that the Surveyor General's Office may be set upon its original foot, and furnished with all the Maps that have " been lost; which may be easily done, at the expense of the Public; for that there are in the hands of Sir Thomas Taylor, Baronet, " original Maps, designed by the proper Commissioners, and Duplicates of those that have been destroyed, not liable to the objection " some people have justly made to the forming of new Maps from the Field Books, where the deviation from a line or a point might " have mischievous consequences, to the detriment of one or other of the litigants. 'Tis hard to say whether the Gross or Strafford " Survey can be retrieved; but I presume that, if proper diligence were used, there are many Maps, Books of Distribution, and " Reports, partly in France, and a great many in the hands of the present Earl of Essex, in England, which may be had for the benefit " of the Public."

III. Report of the Sub-Comm^{rs} on the Surveyor General's Office. — Appendix.

the Baronies of Shilburn, Bantry, Shillmalier, Bargie, Forth, Scarwalsh, Ballagheen, Gory.—1 Book: County of Longford intire, containing the Baronies of Moydow, Ardagh, Granard, Longford.—1 Book: County of Leitrim intire, containing the Baronies of Carrigallen, Moyhill, Leitrim, Drumaghere, Rosclogher.—1 Book: County of Tipperary, containing the Baronies of Slevardagh and Compsey, Killnemanagh, Killnelongurty, Owny and Arra, Upper Ormond, Lower Ormond.—1 Book: County of Wicklow, containing the Half Barony of Rathdown, and the Baronies of Newcastle, Arklow, Ballinecor, Talbottstown: County of Catherlough, containing the Baronies of Catherlough, Ravilly, Idrony, Forth, St. Mullin.—1 Book: King's County, containing the Baronies of Coolestown, Warrenstown, Philipstown, Ballycowen, Killcoursey, Balliboy, Clonliske.—1 Book: Queen's County, containing the Baronies of Upper Ossory, Ballyadams: County of Kilkenny, containing the Baronies of Fassadining, Galmoy, Cranagh, Liberties of Kilkenny, Barony of Gowran, Liberties of Callen.—1 Book: County of Waterford, containing the Baronies of Galtier, Middlethird, Upperthird, Glanehery.—1 Book: County of Meath, containing the Baronies of Dunboyne, Rataoth, Duleek, Moyfenrath, Kells, Half Foor.—1 Book: County of Lymerick, containing the Liberties of Lymerick, and the Baronies of Clanwilliam Owthmybeg, Smallcounty, Coshma, Costlea, and the Liberties of Kilmallock.

DOWN SURVEY Books partly lost.

1 Book: County of Ardmagh, containing the Baronies of Towrany, Ardmagh, Belfast, Few Onclan; County of Antrim, containing the Baronies of Dunluce, Massereen, Carrigfergus; County of Down, containing the Baronies of Castlereagh, Ardes, Lecale, Upper Eveagh, Glenarme.—1 Book: County of Cork, containing the Baronies of Condons and Clongibbon, Duhallow, Farmoy, Orrery and Kilmore.—1 Book: County of Tipperary, containing the Baronies of Clanwilliam, Eliogurty, Ikerin, Iffa and Offa, Middlethird.—1 Book: King's County, containing the Baronies of Ballibritt, Eglish, Garricastle; Queen's County, containing the Baronies of Cullinagh, Maryborough, Portnehinch, Tenehinch, Slewmargie.—1 Book: County of Kilkenny, containing the Baronies of Iverk, Kells, Knocktopher, Ida, Igrin and Ibercon; County of Longford, containing the Baronies of Ravilly and Shrewle.—1 Book: County of Waterford, containing the Baronies of Deacies, Coshmore and Coshbride; County of Limerick, containing the Baronies of Connello, Cuonagh, Kenry, Poblebryan.—1 Book: County of Meath, containing the Baronies of Deece, Slain, Lune, Morgallion, Navan, Skreen.—1 Book: County of Lowth, containing the Baronies of Atherdee, Dundalk, Ferrard, Lowth.—1 Book; County of Kildare, containing the Baronies of Clane, Connell, Carbury, Ikeath and Oughterany, Killea and Moone, Naas, Nowragh and Reban, Ophaly, Salt.—1 Book: County of Kerry, containing the Baronies of Clonmorris, Corkaguiny, Donkeron, Glaneroughty, Iveragh, Maguinihy, Trughanakny.—1 Book: County of Cavan, containing the Baronies of Castleraghan, Clonehy, Clonmoghan, Loughtee, Tulloghgarvy, Tulloghagh, Tulloghonoho.—1 Book: County of Fermanagh, containing the Baronies of Clanawly, Knockniny, Magheriboy, Magheristefana, Terkenedy; County of Monaghan, containing the Baronies of Cremorne, Dartry, Monaghan, Trough.—1 Book: County of Sligo, containing the Baronies of Cowan, Carbery, Leyny, Tyreragh, Tyreril; County of Mayo, containing the Barony of Tyrawly.

Her Majesty's Surveyor General's Office consisted chiefly in the following Surveys; viz. The Strafford, Downe, Civil and Gross, Surveys.—The Strafford Survey, which contained the Admeasurement of the Province of Conaught and some part of Munster, is entirely lost, together with all other Books and Papers thereunto belonging.—The Civil and Gross Surveys are also entirely lost; except some scraps, which, when put in order, may be of some use.—[*The rest of the leaf torn off.*]

A LIST of the Surveys, Books, and Papers, belonging to her Majesty's SURVEYOR GENERAL'S OFFICE, that were saved and lost.

One Book, containing part of the counties of Ardmagh, Down and Tyrone.—One D°, Donegall and Londonderry.—Two D°, Cork.—One D°, Dublin intire.—One D°, Wexford intire.—Two D°, Westmeath intire.—One D°, Longford, part; Soldiers' part saved.—One D°, Leitrim intire.—One D°, Tipperary, part.—One D°, Wicklow and Catherlogh intire.—One D°, King's County, part.—One D°, Queen's County and Kilkenny, part.—One D°, Waterford, part.—[*The rest of the page torn off.*]

BOOKS of DISTRIBUTION saved.

Three Books, of the Counties of Down, Antrim, Ardmagh, intire.—One D°, Dublin intire.—One D°, Kildare intire.—One D°, Meath, Soldiers' part.—Two D°, Westmeath intire.—Six D°, Wexford, two wanting.—Six D°, Kilkenny intire.—Two D°, Waterford intire.—Five D°, Cork, two wanting.—Six D°, Tipperary, one wanting.—One D°, Longford intire.—One D°, Louth intire.—Two D°, Kerry, two wanting.—[*The rest of the page torn off.*]

18. A Lot of burned fragments of Maps and Abstracts, as yet unknown.

SINCE the above Report was presented, the lot of burnt fragments of Maps and Abstracts, returned by former Officers as unknown, has been examined: And the following have been discovered, placed in their respective situations, and bound with the burned Maps; viz.

	COUNTY of ANTRIM.
10 a.	The Abstract of the Parish of Ballymoney.
	COUNTY of ARMAGH.
1.	Part of the Map of the Parish of Armagh, in Armagh Barony.
5.	The Abstract of D° - - - - - - - - Towrany D°.
6.	D° - - - - - - - - - - Derinous.
	COUNTY of CORK.
8.	The Abstract of the Parish of Castletowne.
	COUNTY of DOWNE.
8.	The Abstract of the Parishes of Kilklief and Ballyculter.
14 a.	D° - - - - - Parish of Kilkow.
	COUNTY of KILDARE.
20 a.	The Map of the Parish of Carough.
47.	D° - - - Barony of Narragh and Rabane.
	COUNTY of LOUTH.
6 a.	The Map of the Parish of Dundalk.
8 a.	D° - - - - - - - Cregan.
10.	The Abstract of the Manor *of Castle Ring*.
	COUNTY of MEATH.
21.	Part of the Map of the Barony of Navan.
	COUNTY of MONAGHAN.
2.	Part of the Abstract of the Parish of Aghnemullan.
5.	D° - - - - - - - - - - Clownetebret.
9.	D° - - - - - - - - - - Kilkevan.
	COUNTY of TIPPERARY
10.	The Abstract of the Parish of Tipperary.
60.	D° - - - - - - - - Newtown Lennan, in the Barony of Iffa and Offa

Note.—This seems to be the only fragment left of that Barony.

IV.

To His Majesty's Commissioners on the Public Records of Ireland.

The Second Half-yearly Report from the Committee of Observation, Inspection, &c.

IV. Second Half-yearly Report from the Committee of Observation, &c.

PURSUANT to the Order of the Board, dated the 16th July 1812, whereby we were appointed a Committee for observing upon and inspecting all Proceedings had or to be had by the several Sets of Sub-Commissioners acting under the Board, and for examining into all and every subject-matter connected with or relating to the Commission; and whereby also, amongst other duties, we are instructed to consider of the general objects of the Commission, under the several heads of Buildings, Calendars and Indexes, Duties, &c. of Officers, Transfers, and Printing, and to report fully and distinctly thereon to the Board, half-yearly, viz. immediately after the rising of the Court of Chancery in each long vacation;

We have now the honour to make this our Second half-yearly Report: And beg leave in the first instance to state, that, as formerly mentioned in our First half-yearly Report, we consider it most conducive to the advancement of the objects of the Commission, to confine our attention, for the present, to the Repositories in which the several Sub-Commissioners are employed under the orders of the Board; and did accordingly instruct such of our body as undertook the inspection of Works executed in the quarters ending first June and first September last, and whose Certificates, at the foot of the Quarterly Reports, have been laid before the Board, to direct their attention, not only to the work executed by the several sets of Sub-Commissioners, but likewise to the general objects of the Commission, as connected with the Repositories in which they are employed.

These Repositories, to which our Observations are thus confined, having been reported upon at length in March last; and we having also, since that time, made a specific Report on Buildings, pursuant to the Order of the Board; the following Remarks, which we have now the honour to submit, must necessarily be more limited than they otherwise would have been.

I.—*Buildings.*

Under this head, we have nothing at present to add to the observations which we have already had the honour to make in our First half-yearly Report, as also in those which have been made expressly on this subject; and to which we beg leave to refer.

II.—*Calendars and Indexes.*

Under this head, Repertories, Inventories and Schedules, are classed, as well as Calendars and Indexes: Of these there are now many in forwardness in the different Repositories, varying in description, according to the Records to which they refer. In the Rolls Office, the Calendar to the Patent Rolls is now proceeding with great rapidity and precision; and, from the appearance which the part already prepared makes, we think that materials for the first volume of this Work will be ready for the press early in the ensuing year.

The Repertory to the Decrees in Chancery has been prepared in the same Repository, and has now only to undergo a comparison with the originals, to complete it from the commencement, viz. the reign of Henry VIII. to that of James II. from which time there are Books in the Office referring to the Decrees; but these Books are of a very imperfect nature, as they neither contain the parties' names in full, nor make any mention of the land or property affected by the Decree: we should therefore beg leave to recommend to the Board, to have these Books completed, from the reign of James II. to the present time, according to the plan upon which the Repertory to the early Decrees has been formed.

The Inventory to the Fiants has been advanced to upwards of 5,000 numbers. And the Repertory to the Inquisitions of the Province of Connaught has been completed; and, much progress having been made in those of the Province of Leinster, materials for a volume of this Work also will, in our opinion, be ready for the press from this Office early in the next year.

In the Chief Remembrancer's Office, the Catalogue to the Memoranda Rolls has been completed. These Rolls begin in the reign of Edward I. and have been continued in substance, though under various alterations in form, down to the present time. On account of these variations, and the great diversity and great quantity of matter contained in the early Rolls, no general plan of Repertory or Calendar can at present be established respecting them; and, as the measures to be adopted on this head must be regulated by the variations in the form of the Record, we beg permission to defer any recommendations, until the Sub-Commissioners on this Repository shall have brought the subject regularly before us, which, in the progress of their work, it will be their duty to do.

The Repertory to the Inquisitions in this Office has been formed for the Province of Connaught down to the reign of Charles I.; and some progress has been made in those of the Province of Leinster of an early

date: Of these Inquisitions, we expect that materials for a volume will be ready for the press in the course of the next year.

IV. Second Half-yearly Report from the Committee of Observation &c.

In the Auditor General's Office (a principal part of the Documents of which are still remaining in the Dome of the Four Courts) a General Index to the Books of Patents of Charles 2d's reign has been nearly completed; and great progress has been made in Schedules of the voluminous contents of this Repository.

In the Prerogative Office, the General Index to the Wills has been completed to the letter W.; and that to the Administration Books, to the year 1738.

Under this head, we shall also beg leave to state the progress which has been made in the Books of Entries of Bishops' Returns in the First Fruits Office, which have been completed to the year 1711, from which time to the year 1744 there is a chasm; but the Sub-Commissioners are supplying this defect from the original Returns; which Entries will make these Books complete, from their commencement in the year 1616, to the present time: To which we beg leave to add, that the Index to the Kings' Letters, in the Chief Secretary's Office, has been completed.

Having stated the progress making under this head in the different Repositories, we shall in conclusion beg leave to represent to the Board, from our own experience, that the formation of Catalogues, Inventories and Schedules, has already had the most satisfactory effects upon the arrangement of the Records to which such have been formed; and, if it were with this view alone, we should most humbly recommend to the Board (when it may suit their convenience) to determine upon some plan of obtaining an early compliance with their Order relating to this subject, dated the 3d day of August 1811.

III.—*Duty, &c. of Officers.*

Under this head we have to observe to the Board, that in the various Repositories which we have inspected (with the exception of the Prerogative Office, as hereinafter is more particularly mentioned) the arrangement is proceeding in the best possible manner. In the Rolls Office, the Patent and Statute Rolls are all placed in order, according to the Catalogue, in the new Presses under the Gallery; but the final arrangement of the Pleadings has been deferred, until the early ones in the Dome shall have been removed into this Office. We beg leave here to remark, that the Patent Roll of 11 Charles I. has been for some time lost; and that the Fiants, from whence the Enrolments of that year were made up, have been all collected by Mr. Nash, ready to be again enrolled, provided the Board shall deem it expedient to issue an order for that purpose; in which case we should recommend a special indorsement on such Roll, stating the circumstances under which it shall have been framed; and beg leave to remark, that this new Roll can be framed with the greater probability of being accurate and complete, as there has been found, in the Parliamentary Record Office, a Repertory to the Patent Rolls in the Rolls Office, with which the Fiants may be compared previously to enrolment.

In the Chief Remembrancer's Office, the different Documents have, under the orders of the Board, been placed in excellent order: But, in our opinion, the Bindings of the Decree and Rule Books should be forthwith repaired, and the Books themselves numbered. And we also beg leave to recommend, that measures should be taken for securing the Pleadings from the hazard they run of being very much injured at the edges, by the air and dust to which they are at present exposed; and this precaution appears to be the more necessary, as the dates (by which alone reference is had from the Books in the Office to these Pleadings and which are generally on the edges) are likely at no distant period to be quite effaced, should this class of Records continue to remain in their present state. And further, in obedience to our duty, we have to remark, that the Enrolments in this Office have not been made up since the year 1808, and to recommend, that measures be taken by the Board for the Enrolments in this Office being forthwith completed, and to prevent a recurrence of such an arrear in future.

The various Books and Papers belonging to the Auditor General's Office, lodged in the Dome, have been placed in the Presses there; except two lots of unsorted Military Vouchers and Papers, which we have recommended to be placed in two Boxes, for the Winter; by which means, when the Pleadings shall have been removed to the Rolls Office, the floor will be quite clear, and the Sub-Commissioners enabled to complete the classified Schedule of the contents of the Dome.

Prerogative Office.—We consider it imperative upon us to represent to the Board, that in this Office many of the valuable Documents lodged in it are in the most deranged state; owing, we apprehend, to an opinion, that the Office would soon be removed from the House in which it is now held, and also on account of most of them having accumulated before the time of the present Officers. A great mass of various Papers of all descriptions, viz. Depositions, Marriage Bonds, Affidavits, Inventories, &c. are here thrown in a confused heap on the floor; they are literally buried in dust, many of them separated from the Documents to which they were originally annexed, and, at present, actually walked upon. In this heap there were, a short time ago, many Wills; nor can the Officer be certain that some are not remaining there yet: and in such confusion are these various Documents, that the Officer cannot say what is, or is not, there; and in no case does he, or indeed can he, give a negative Certificate. After this statement, it will be unnecessary to suggest to the Board the

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the variety of hazards to which these Records are exposed, or to state the great expense, uncertainty, and perhaps injury, to which Persons requiring them are liable, when the Officer, or Agent, or perhaps both, must be paid for the time exhausted in a search, which is necessarily in most cases tedious, and in many cases fruitless. To remedy the many evils resulting from this derangement, we beg leave to recommend that immediate steps should be taken to place these Records in some order; for which purpose, we are of opinion that they should be arranged on temporary shelves, to be erected in the Room in which they are at present placed; by which means they will be, for the present, preserved from the destruction which threatens them; they will be rendered more accessible to Persons consulting them, and will be placed in a better state for being removed under any future arrangement. And we shall conclude our Observations upon this Repository, by recommending that the Court Books, and the Books of short Entries, be rebound, as the covers are for the most part very much worn.

In the First Fruits Office, the arrangement of all the Records, except those relating to the 20th Parts, has been completed. In order to place this Repository in perfect order, and as it cannot occupy much time, we beg leave to recommend, that these Records should also be arranged, and an Inventory formed to them; which may in a short time be effected by the Sub-Commissioners employed here, concurrently with the other work they have in hand.

Transfers.

Under this head we have no measures to recommend, in addition to those submitted to the consideration of the Board in our First half-yearly Report; but we beg leave here to repeat that part which relates to the Transfer of the Repertory to the Patent Rolls, belonging to the Rolls Office, which is at present lodged in the Parliamentary Record Office, as before mentioned under a former head, and which we are of opinion should be forthwith removed to the first mentioned Repository.

Printing.

Having brought before the Board, under the head of Calendars and Indexes, such Works as, in our opinion, will be ready for the Press during the ensuing year, we have no recommendations at present to submit under this head.

All which is respectfully submitted, this 11th day of October 1813.

(Signed) *William Ball.*
Roderick Connor.
John Brinkley.
Steuart King.
Francis Corbet.
Wm Shaw Mason, Secy

FOURTH

ANNUAL REPORT:

MARCH 1814.

TO HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS GEORGE PRINCE OF WALES,

REGENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND, IN COUNCIL.

WE, the Commissioners constituted and appointed by His Majesty's Royal Commission, bearing date the thirtieth day of August one thousand eight hundred and ten, for carrying into execution the Measures recommended in the humble Address of the House of Commons to His Majesty, with respect to the state of the Public Records of Ireland, and the necessity of providing for the better Arrangement, Preservation, and more convenient Use of the same; Whereby We, the said Commissioners, are authorized and empowered to nominate and appoint, from time to time, Persons of ability, care and diligence, to act as Secretary and Sub-Commissioners, to be employed in methodizing, regulating, and digesting the Records, Rolls, Instruments, Books, and Papers in His Majesty's several Offices; and in causing such of said Records as are decayed and in danger of being destroyed, to be bound and secured; and in making exact Calendars and Indexes thereof; and in superintending the printing of such Calendars and Indexes and original Records and Papers as should be ordered to be printed; and to certify unto the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury for the time being, what would be a fit and suitable recompense to such Secretary and Sub-Commissioners respectively, for their pains and services in the execution of the Duties required to be by them performed: And We the said Commissioners, or any Three or more of us, are further required, on or before the twenty-fifth day of March in every year, during the continuance of the said Commission, *to certify to* His Majesty in His Privy Council, in the manner therein directed, all and every the several Proceedings of Ourselves and the said Sub-Commissioners, had by virtue of the said Commission, together with such other matters, if any, as might be deserving His Majesty's Royal consideration, touching or concerning the premises;—

DO most humbly beg leave to certify to Your Royal Highness, That we have proceeded on the several Works stated in our former Report to Your Royal Highness in Your Privy Council. And We beg leave most humbly to lay before Your Royal Highness the following Statement of the Proceedings, had in pursuance of the said Commission, from the twenty-fifth day of March one thousand eight hundred and thirteen, to the present time.

STATE of the PROCEEDINGS to 25 March 1814.

REPOSITORY.	Sub-Commissioners and Others to whom the Orders of The Board were directed.	DUTY TO BE PERFORMED.	PROGRESS.
Courts of Justice and Public Law Offices.	Committee of Observation, Inspection, &c.	THE subject of Buildings, together with the allocation and arrangement of the several Record Offices in Dublin, including those about to be removed to the Round Tower in the lower Castle Yard, referred to the Committee of Observation, and they to report specially thereon. Also, to prepare the Draft of a Bill to be laid before Parliament, for vesting in His Majesty part of the Ground and Building belonging to the King's Inns Society, for the purpose of erecting thereon a Repository for Public Records.	Report laid before the Board, together with Appendixes, containing the allocation and arrangement of the several Record Repositories in the Round Tower, and those adjoining the Courts of Justice, together with the Offices to be placed in the intended Repository at the King's Inns. Draft of said Bill laid before the Board, and ordered to be transmitted to the Chief Secretary, for the purpose of being laid before Parliament.

STATE of the PROCEEDINGS to 25 March 1814—*continued.*

REPOSITORY.	Sub-Commissioners and Others to whom the Orders of The Board were directed.	DUTY TO BE PERFORMED.	PROGRESS.
Birmingham Tower.	Mr. Warburton. The Secretary.	- - - - - - - - - -	Proceedings have been postponed in this Repository, until the removal of the contents to the Record Tower.
Parliamentary Record Office.	Mr. Rafferty. Mr. O'Flaherty. The Secretary.	AN alphabetical and chronological arrangement of the Records, Books, and Papers, and an Inventory thereof; together with a General Index and classified Schedule of the contents of this Repository, to be formed.	Arrangement and Inventory completed, and Index commenced.
Rolls Office.	Mr. W. Nash. Mr. Hardiman. Mr. Tresham. Mr. Sleater. Mr. Tyrrell.	A CALENDAR or Repertory to the Patent Rolls in this Repository to be formed, and collated, preparatory to printing.	Completed to Edward IV. and the collation proceeded on.
	Mr. Mayne.	A CATALOGUE of the Fiants to be formed.	The Catalogue of the Fiants has been formed, from the commencement of Henry VIII. to James I.
	Mr. Hardiman. Mr. F. Nash. Mr. Tibeaudo.	A REPERTORY to the Inquisitions post Mortem to be formed.	2,250 pages of the Inquisitions post Mortem, during the reigns of Elizabeth, James I. Charles I. and William & Mary, have been formed.
	Mr. Conroy. Mr. Mayne.	A REPERTORY to the Decrees to be formed.	The Repertory to the Decrees, from the reign of Henry VIII. to the end of Charles II. has been formed, and collation proceeded on.
	Mr. Hardiman. Mr. F. Nash. The Secretary.	PATENT ROLLS to be numbered, and a list thereof formed; and the miscellaneous Records to be arranged; and the Equity Pleadings discovered in the Dome of the Four Courts, to be removed to the Rolls Office, and arranged.	Rolls numbered, and Pleadings removed.
Chief Remembrancer's Office.	Mr. W. Nash. Mr. Edwards. Mr. Conroy. Mr. Hardiman. Mr. Litton. The Secretary.	A Catalogue of the Memoranda Rolls to be formed.	Completed.
		A Plan for the Calendar to the Memoranda Rolls to be framed.	Completed.
		A Repertory to the Inquisitions in this Repository to be formed.	489 pages of the Repertory to the Connaught Inquisitions have been formed.
Auditor General's Office.	Mr. Harding. Mr. Fowler. The Secretary.	A CLASSIFIED SCHEDULE of the Records in the Dome of the Four Courts, also, an Index to the Books of Patents, to be formed. The Alphabet to the Books of Transplanters, to be transcribed, and also, that to the Certificates of the Court of Claims.	Progress made
		An Index to the Roll of Innocents to be made.	Completed.
Surveyor General's Office.	Mr. Harding. Mr. Fowler. The Secretary.	THE Barony Maps of the Down Survey to be bound and secured; and the Parish Maps of said Survey to be inlaid, restored to order, and bound.	Suspended during the year; but an Order made at last Board, for carrying that measure into effect.
Parliamentary Record Office, Rolls Office, and elsewhere.	Mr. Ball. Mr. Duhigg. Mr. Lawson. Mr. H. Mason. Mr. Connor. The Secretary.	A COMPLETE and authentic Edition of the Statutes and Ordinances of Ireland to be prepared and printed.	The collation of the printed, and the transcription and collation of ancient Statutes, have been continued. Marginal notes of reference, transcription of private Court-hand Statutes, research for ancient Statutes among the Memoranda Rolls of the Exchequer, and the transcription or comparison of such as were discovered, have been proceeded in.
Prerogative Office.	Mr. Greene. The Secretary.	INDEX to the Administration Books to be transcribed, examined, corrected, and perfected, by adding the description to each name, and the date and nature of the Grant.	Progress made as far as the year 1756.

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STATE of the PROCEEDINGS to 25 March 1814—*continued.*

REPOSITORY.	Sub-Commissioners and Others to whom the Orders of The Board were directed.	DUTY TO BE PERFORMED.	PROGRESS.
First Fruits Office.	Mr. Greene. Mr. Lea. The Secretary.	THE Transcript of the Bishops' Return Books, ending 1711, to be collated with the originals; and Inventories to the Returns and Entries, to be formed.	Completed.
		The chasm from 1711 to 1744, which existed in the Books of the Office, to be filled up.	Completed.
State Paper Office.	Mr. H. Mason. Mr. Connor. Mr. Sleater. The Secretary.	To arrange the State Papers of Ireland, whether in the Chief Secretary's Office or elsewhere; make proper Indexes to the same. and prepare a General Catalogue or Inventory thereof.	The King's Letters and other MS. Papers in the Chief Secretary's Office, delivered for arrangement, have been classified in chronological order, preparatory to the formation of a Catalogue of them, and an Index to the former prepared.
Lodge's List of Patentee Officers.	Mr. Duhigg. Mr. Lascelles. The Secretary.	Lodge's List of Patentee Officers to be prepared for the Press.	Progress making.
College MSS.	Mr. H. Mason. The Secretary.	To collate the Catalogue of the Manuscripts in the College Library with the Originals, and prepare it for printing.	Progress making.

AND that, at a former Meeting of the said Commissioners, to wit, on Saturday the 12th day of June 1813, held at the House of the Right Honourable the Lord High Chancellor, the Report of the Committee appointed on the Down Survey, with the Appendix thereto, having been laid before the Board, and read; It was Ordered, That a Copy of said Report should be transmitted to the Chief Secretary of the Lord Lieutenant, and annexed to the Supplement to the Third Annual Report to Your Royal Highness.

A Report on Lodge's List of Patentee Officers, containing a Plan of said Work, having been laid before the Board; It was Ordered, That Mr. Lascelles, a Sub-Commissioner acting under the Board, do forthwith proceed to carry said Plan into execution, confining himself to the Documents referred to in Lodge's original Work, without illustration.

And at a subsequent Meeting of the said Commissioners, held at the Office of the Right Honourable the Chief Secretary of the Lord Lieutenant, on Thursday the 21st day of October 1813, The Board Ordered, That the Sub-Commissioners who prepared the Supplement to the Second Annual Report, do prepare a general Index to the Volume of Proceedings by this Board, now printing under the Order of the House of Commons; and also Ordered, That a copy of the Report on Buildings, made by the Committee of Observation, should be forthwith transmitted to London, together with the two Drawings of the Record Tower and King's Inns, for insertion in the aforesaid Work.

The Second Half-yearly Report of the Committee of Observation, together with the Report on Buildings, therein referred to, being read; by which it appeared that the Record Tower in the lower Castle Yard was ready for the reception of the Contents of the several Record Repositories, the allocation and arrangement of which were set forth in the Appendix to the Building Report made by said Committee; The Board thereupon Ordered, That a Letter should be written by the Secretary, in the name of the Board, to the Right Honourable the Chief Secretary of the Lord Lieutenant, transmitting a Copy of the Allocation referred to in the Second Half-yearly Report of the Committee of Observation, &c. and in their Report on Buildings, with a request, that he would be pleased to obtain the orders of His Excellency for removing the Contents of the said several Offices therein mentioned, to the Record Tower in the lower Castle Yard, pursuant to the said Allocation; and also Ordered, on the suggestion of the Committee of Observation, That the old Index or Repertory referring to the Records in the Rolls Office, and lately found among the Parliamentary Records, should be handed over to the Deputy Keeper of the Rolls, on his giving a receipt for the same; and that the Secretary should take the necessary steps for carrying this Order into execution. It was then Ordered, That a Copy of the said Half-yearly Report be annexed to the Supplement to the Third Annual Report to Your Royal Highness, and transmitted to London for that purpose. And it was further Ordered, That Thomas Tyrrell, Esq. Barrister at Law, who has been represented to be a fit person to be employed on the Calendar to the Patent Rolls, should be appointed a Sub-Commissioner on the Rolls Office, for carrying the Orders of the Board into execution in that Repository.

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The Secretary having laid before the Board a printed Copy of the Catalogue of the Lambeth MSS. which he received from His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, with directions to present it to the Board; It was Ordered, That the said Book should be carefully preserved by the Secretary, and that an entry of it, in the name of the Donor, should be made in the Catalogue of MS. Books, &c. belonging to the Board; and that the Secretary do write, in the name of the Board, to His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, expressing their thanks for His Grace's very valuable present.

AND at a subsequent Meeting of the said Commissioners, held at the House of the Right Honourable the Lord Chancellor on this day, viz. Monday the 21st day of March 1814, The Board Ordered, That the several Patent Rolls recommended to be transferred, in the special Report of the Committee of Observation, of 14th February instant, and which appear, by a List formed by the late Mr. Lodge, and by the additional Return made by the present Deputy Keeper, to be 50 in number, be transferred from Birmingham Tower to the Rolls Office, to which they belong, there to be preserved with the other Patent Rolls lodged in that Repository.

And for the purpose of enabling the Secretary to carry into complete effect all Orders of this Board respecting the transfer of any Records, Rolls, Books, Papers and Writings, from any one of His Majesty's Record Repositories to another; It was Ordered, That he should write a Letter, in the name of this Board, to the Chief Secretary of His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, to request that His Excellency would be pleased to issue his Warrant, or other Authority, to the Officers, Clerks and Ministers of Record Offices and Repositories, directing them to obey such Orders as shall from time to time be made by this Board, touching the transfer and removal of all such Records, Rolls, Books, Papers and Writings, belonging to such Offices and Repositories, or any of them, and which shall be in the custody of such Officers, Clerks or Ministers, or any of them respectively: It was also Ordered, That the Secretary do write, in the name of this Board, to the Chief Secretary of the Lord Lieutenant, submitting to his consideration the representations made by the Committee of Observation, &c. respecting the Repairs of Record Repositories and Public Offices connected therewith, transmitting at the same time an Extract from the Report of the Committee on said subject, and requesting that he would be pleased to represent to His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, the wishes of the Board, that means may be adopted for carrying into execution the measures recommended in the said Report; and to obtain His Excellency's commands touching the premises.

A Letter from the Deputy Surveyor General, dated the 8th of December 1813, having been read, requesting, for the use of his Office, Copies of Reports made by the Sub-Commissioners under this Board, on the Down Survey, and the several Records and Documents in the Surveyor General's Office; The Board thereupon Ordered, That the Surveyor General's Office be furnished with a printed Copy of the Report on the Down Survey, as soon as it shall arrive from England; and also, with a Transcript of the Second Report on said Office.

The Board, reverting to their Proceedings respecting the Down Survey, and the recommendation contained in the Report made by their Committee, respecting the binding of the Parish Maps, took the whole matter again into their consideration; and having read copies of the Letters of the Chief Justice and the Attorney General, dated the 6th and 13th days of October last respectively, thereon; and agreeing in opinion with their Committee, on that subject; It was Ordered, That the Sub-Commissioners appointed on the Surveyor General's Office be instructed to carry the Orders of the Board, of the 16th March 1812, into immediate execution.

And lastly, We beg leave most humbly to state to Your Royal Highness, that at the present time we have not any other matters to offer to Your Royal Highness's consideration, touching or concerning the premises, or any further Measures to propose thereupon.

All which is most humbly submitted to Your Royal Highness's consideration.

MANNERS, C. (L. S.)
MEATH. (L. S.)
W. DOWNES. (L. S.)
W^M M^cMAHON. (L. S.)
PAT^K DUIGENAN. (L. S.)

Dublin, 21 March 1814.

(A true Copy) *Wm Shaw Mason,*
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ANNUAL REPORT:

MARCH 1815.

TO HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS GEORGE PRINCE OF WALES,

REGENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND,
IN COUNCIL.

WE, the Commissioners constituted and appointed by His Majesty's Royal Commission, bearing date the thirtieth day of August one thousand eight hundred and ten, for carrying into execution the Measures recommended in the humble Address of the House of Commons to His Majesty, with respect to the State of the Public Records of *Ireland*, and the necessity of providing for the better Arrangement, Preservation, and more convenient Use of the same; Whereby We, the said Commissioners, are authorized and empowered to nominate and appoint, from time to time, Persons of ability, care and diligence, to act as Secretary and Sub-Commissioners, to be employed in methodizing, regulating and digesting the Records, Rolls, Instruments, Books and Papers in His Majesty's several Offices; and in causing such of said Records as are decayed, and in danger of being destroyed, to be bound and secured; and in making exact Calendars and Indexes thereof; and in superintending the printing of such Calendars and Indexes, and original Records and Papers, as should be ordered to be printed; and *to certify unto* the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury for the time being, what would be a fit and suitable recompence to such Secretary and Sub-Commissioners respectively, for their pains and services in the execution of the duties required to be by them performed: And We the said Commissioners, or any Three or more of us, are further required, on or before the twenty-fifth day of March in every year, during the continuance of the said Commission, to certify to His Majesty's Privy Council, in the manner therein directed, all and every the several Proceedings of Ourselves and the said Sub-Commissioners, had by virtue of the said Commission; together with such other Matters, if any, as might be deserving His Majesty's Royal Consideration, touching or concerning the premises;—

DO most humbly beg leave to certify to Your Royal Highness, That We have proceeded on the several Works stated in our former Report to Your Royal Highness in Your Privy Council. And We beg leave most humbly to lay before Your Royal Highness the following State of the Proceedings had in pursuance of the said Commission, from the twenty-fifth day of March one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, to the present time.

STATE of the PROCEEDINGS to 25 March 1815.

REPOSITORY.	Sub-Commissioners and Others, to whom the Orders of The Board were directed.	DUTY TO BE PERFORMED.	PROGRESS.
Record Tower.	- - -	THE contents of the several Repositories specified in the Report on Buildings by the Committee of Observation, &c. to be removed into the Apartments allotted to them in the Record Tower, in the lower Castle Yard.	THE contents of these several Repositories removed pursuant to the allocation mentioned in the said Report, except the Records of Bermingham Tower, and those of Ulster King at Arms.
Bermingham Tower.	Mr. Warburton, The Secretary.	- - - - - - - - - -	Proceedings have been postponed in this Repository, until the removal of the contents to the Record Tower.

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STATE of the PROCEEDINGS to 25 March 1815—*continued.*

REPOSITORY.	Sub-Commissioners and Others to whom the Orders of The Board were directed.	DUTY TO BE PERFORMED.	PROGRESS.
Parliamentary Record Office.	Mr. O'Flaherty, The Secretary.	A GENERAL Index and classified Schedule of the contents of this Repository, to be formed.	Progress made.
		An Index to Statute Rolls in this Repository to be formed.	Draft completed.
Rolls Office.	Mr. W. Nash, Mr. Hardiman, Mr. Tresham, Mr. Sleater, Mr. Tyrrell.	A CALENDAR or Repertory to the Patent Rolls in this Repository to be formed, and collated, preparatory to printing.	Considerable Progress made.
	Mr. Ball, one of the Committee of Observation, &c.	Final revision of the Calendar to the Patent Rolls for press.	Completed to end of Edward III.
	Mr. Hardiman, Mr. F. Nash, Mr. Tibeaudo.	A Repertory to the Inquisitions to be formed and collated preparatory to printing.	Considerable Progress has been made in this Work: several thousand pages of copy have been formed, and also several antient Deeds, set forth in the Inquisitions, have been transcribed.
	Mr. Mayne, Mr. Conroy.	A Repertory to the Decrees in Chancery to be formed and collated.	600 pages of the Repertory during the Reigns of James II, William & Mary, and Anne, formed, and progress made in the collation.
	Mr. F. Nash.	Equity Pleadings, removed from the Dome of the Four Courts, to be arranged.	Progress made: the whole being subdivided into years.
	Mr. Hardiman, with the foregoing, The Secretary.	GENERAL Arrangement of miscellaneous Records.	Completed.
Chief Remembrancer's Office.	Mr. W. Nash, Mr. Hardiman, Mr. Sleater, Mr. Conroy.	A CALENDAR to the Memoranda Rolls to be formed.	Progress made.
	Mr. Litton, The Secretary.	A Repertory to the Inquisitions in this Repository to be formed.	Progress made in the Repertory; and several Deeds, set forth in the Inquisitions, transcribed.
		A Classification of the Rolls; and the Inquisitions in this Repertory to be arranged into Provinces and Reigns, and Catalogue of Rolls to be compared.	Progress made.
Auditor General's Office.	Mr. Harding, Mr. Fowler, The Secretary.	INDEX to Books of Patents of Charles II, to be formed.	The Draft completed.
		Collectors Accounts in Dome of Four Courts to be assorted, and miscellaneous Books there to be arranged.	Completed.
		Press Catalogue to be formed of all the Records of the Auditor General's Office, whether in the Treasury Buildings, or the Dome of the Four Courts.	Draft completed, and progress made in the fair Transcript.
Surveyor General's Office.	Mr. Harding, Mr. Fowler, The Secretary.	The Maps of the Down Survey to be bound and secured; and the Parish Maps to be inlaid, restored to order, and bound.	Completed.
		The Rough Distribution Books to be bound.	Progress.
Parliamentary Record Office, Rolls Office, and elsewhere.	Mr. Ball, Mr. Lawson, Mr. H. Mason, Mr. Connor, The Secretary.	A complete and authentic Edition of the Statutes of Ireland to be prepared and printed.	The transcription of all ancient Statutes which have been found in Ireland has been completed, and two thirds of these Transcripts have been compared with the Originals; Marginal Notes of Reference have also been proceeded in; and the printed Statutes have been collated with several Copies found in the Rolls Office, making the Collation in that Repository complete, from the earliest Statute there found to the 17th and 18th Geo. III; the collation of the printed Statutes from which time, with the Rolls and Transmisses at this Office, has been suspended to accelerate the preparation of the earlier Volumes.

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STATE of the PROCEEDINGS to 25 March 1815—*continued.*

REPOSITORY.	Sub-Commissioners and Others to whom the Orders of The Board were directed.	DUTY TO BE PERFORMED.	PROGRESS.
Prerogative Office.	Mr. Greene, The Secretary.	INDEX to the Administration Books to be transcribed, examined, corrected and perfected, by adding the description to each name, and the date and nature of the Grant.	Progress continued as far as the year 1759.
		Unarranged Cause Papers to be arranged.	The assortment of these Papers in alphabetical order, completed and progress made in the arrangement under the respective Letters.
First Fruits Office.	Mr. Greene, Mr. Lea, The Secretary.	THE Schedules and Inventories of the contents of the Office, to be compared with the original Records.	Completed.
State Paper Office.	Mr. H. Mason, Mr. Connor, Mr. Sleater, Mr. Tresham, The Secretary.	To arrange the State Papers of Ireland, whether in the Chief Secretary's Office or elsewhere, make complete Indexes thereto, and prepare a general Catalogue or Inventory thereof.	Progress made in the arrangement of the Council Office Books and Papers, removed from Bermingham Tower, and also in the Catalogue of said Books.
Lodge's List of Patentee Officers.	Mr. Lascelles, The Secretary.	LODGE's List of Patentee Officers to be prepared for the press.	Progress made.
College MSS.	Mr. H. Mason, The Secretary.	To collate the Catalogue of the Manuscripts in the College Library with the originals, and prepare all for printing.	Progress made in the general Examination of the Manuscripts, and the Catalogue of Articles in the Greek and Hebrew Languages completed.
Acta Regia.	Mr. Tresham, Mr. Erck, The Secretary.	Collections from the Records for the Acta Regia Hibernica, to be made and prepared for press.	Progress made.

AND that, at a former Meeting of the said Commissioners, to wit, on the 8th day of June 1814, held at the house of the Right Honourable the Lord High Chancellor, the Chief Justice reported, pursuant to an Order of the last Board, the Answers to the Queries sent up from the Sub-Commissioners on the Statutes; whereupon the Board Ordered, That the Answers to said Queries should be communicated by the Secretary to the said Sub-Commissioners.

The Master of the Rolls then stated, That since the last Meeting of the Board, he had visited the Record Room of the Rolls Office, attended by the Secretary and the Sub-Commissioners of the Board; and that he had found the several Proceedings under the Commission carrying on with regularity; and that some alterations in the presses and other improvements had been suggested, which have been since carried into effect.

In the view of facilitating the preparation of the Annual Report from the Board to Your Royal Highness, and for more clearly exhibiting the progress of each of the Sub-Commissioners, the Board Ordered, That they, besides their Monthly Returns and Quarterly Reports, should prepare, immediately after the first of March in each year, and previously to their receiving the remaining fifth part of their remuneration, a detailed account of their respective individual Proceedings for the year preceding; and that same, with the Draft of the Report to Your Royal Highness, should be laid before the Board by the Secretary at its Annual Meetings.

That part of the Second General Report which relates to printing an Acta Regia Hibernica, having been read, and the Board having taken into consideration Mr. Lodge's commencement of it, and the various notices of State Papers, Charters and Antient Documents, mentioned by the several Sub-Commissioners employed in forming the Calendar to the Patent and Memoranda Rolls; and the Secretary having stated that such Work might now be concurrently carried on with the other Works of the Commission in his Office, under the superintendance of the Committee of Observation; the Board thereupon Ordered, That the Secretary, with the aid of Mr. Tresham thereby appointed a Sub-Commissioner for that purpose, together with such other Persons employed in his Office as shall be deemed necessary, should proceed, according as their other avocations under the Board should permit, to transcribe such Papers, Charters and Antient Documents, as the Committee of Observation should be of opinion should form part of said Work.

The Board then Ordered, That the Calendar to the Patent Rolls should be forthwith prepared for the press under the superintendance of the Committee of Observation, &c. and that, the Secretary should take means for carrying this Order into execution; and they also Ordered, That the Committee of Observation, &c.

should be requested to take the subject matter of Classified Schedules into consideration, and devise the best means for carrying the Order made by the Board on this subject on 3d August 1811 into complete effect.

The Board then took into their consideration their former recommendation to Your Royal Highness respecting Parish Registers, and finding that the Act of the 52d of the King on this subject, had not been extended to Ireland; It was Ordered, That the Lord Chancellor should be requested to communicate with Government for the purpose of obtaining some Legislative measure for carrying into full effect the aforesaid recommendation; and that the Secretary should forthwith communicate the desire of the Board on this subject, with this Resolution, to the Chief Secretary of the Lord Lieutenant, requesting his co-operation in obtaining said measure.

And lastly, We beg leave most humbly to state to Your Royal Highness, that at the present time we have not any other matters to offer to Your Royal Highness's consideration, touching or concerning the premises, or any further measures to propose thereupon.

All which is most humbly submitted to Your Royal Highness's consideration.

MANNERS, C. (L. S.)
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